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Prices and Prospects.

SOME ENQUIRIES FOR SECOND HALF

Coke, But They Are Made Merely to Develop Ideas of Sellers.

THE PRICE ASKED IS $1.58

Operations of the Furnaces Are Not Such As to Encourage Optimistic Predictions For the Immediate Future of the Trade.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, May 10.—The coke market holds up very well under the strain of decreasing consumption owing to the continued blowing out of blast furnaces. Naturally there are very few buyers, but apparently there are no sellers at the extremely low prices which have frequently ruled at junctures like the present, and the few sales made in the week, while at quite unsatisfactory prices, do not reflect the panicky conditions which prevailed just about a year ago. There was a sale of about 5,000 tons of furnace coke at $1.50, for May delivery, and another lot of about the same size and for the same period at $1.55, this latter coke going east. There is some prompt coke offered around, but as a rule it is held at firm prices.

Interest is beginning to appear in contracts for furnace coke for second half, but outside of one or two cases consumers seem to be in no mood to close at an early date, and are merely figuring on contracts with a view of developing the ideas of sellers. There do not seem to be any sellers of furnace coke for second half at $1.75, but possibly some producers would sell at this figure, while furnaces naturally talk lower prices than this, at the start. There are sellers for second half at $1.85, and the market can be quoted at this range for the present. Last week's quotation was $1.70 to $1.90, but the extreme figures were proved to be out of line with conditions of this week.

Foundry coke continues dull and neglected. We quote prices as follows at ovens:

Prompt furnace	$1.50@$1.55
Contracts, second half	$1.75@$1.85
Prompt foundry	$1.90@$2.00
Contract foundry	$2.00@$2.25

The Republic Iron & Steel Company, which recently blew out its Hall furnace at Sharon, is understood to be about to blow out Atlantic, at New Castle, keeping the Haselton group, the modern furnaces, in blast. The Buffalo Union Furnace Company at Buffalo is about to blow out one of its stacks, while the smaller steel interest in the same district is reported as about to blow out a furnace. There is a report that the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company will blow out its Martins Ferry furnace, but this cannot be confirmed. A large steel interest in Western Pennsylvania is operating two of its eight blast furnaces, with its Bessemer department closed, and five of the 24 open hearth furnaces operating. The Jones & Laughlin Steel Company is operating its Pittsburg plant practically full, but is not running any of the Aliquippa furnaces, the new stacks, and it is problematical when it will blow any of them in.

A steel interest at Canton, O., is reported to have purchased 3,000 tons of basic pig iron for third quarter delivery at a shade under $14, delivered, which would mean less than $13.25 at Cleveland furnace or less than $13.10 at valley furnace. It is understood, however, that the iron was sold by a Cleveland interest, and the practise of the Cleveland furnaces seems to be to hold up their prices at furnace, for local delivery, cutting prices when necessary to ship to a distance and meet the competition of other districts. Basic iron is quotable at $13.50, valley furnaces, and Bessemer at $15, where it has stood since last August. The American Steel Foundries is enquiring for a round lot of basic pig iron for delivery at Alliance and other plants. Foundry pig iron has continued extremely dull, but quotable prices are not lowered standing at $13.75 to $14, valley furnaces, according to brand, tonnage and delivery.

STEEL FOR MAIL CARS.

Underframes to Be Replaced by July 1.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Railway postoffice cars, with all steel underframes, will be required by the Postoffice Department after July next.

This arrangement was effected today at a conference between Postmaster General Hitchcock and a delegation of railroad officials. It was agreed that the proposed construction was the best to be used in the period of transition between the all-wood and the all-steel railway mail cars.

IRON AND STEEL.

Country Operating But 68 Per Cent. of Its Blast Furnaces.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, May 10.—The American Metal Market and Iron & Steel Trade Report tomorrow will say:

"The Steel Corporation's blast furnace operations this week have dropped to 62% of capacity. Several other steel interests are running at a smaller percentage than this, with a few showing a larger percentage. The country at large is operating about 68% of its furnace capacity, the merchant furnaces running better than the steel interests, but neither class is making sales at anything like the rate of production and further and important curtailment is inevitable unless there is a sweeping change in market conditions, and that very speedily.

"The movement in finished steel products has its ups and downs, but all of a minor character, and indicating no definite trend. One large steel interest finds last week's bookings heavier than in either of the two preceding weeks, and bookings on Monday of this week the heaviest for many weeks, but there are other steel interests with a different experience.

"Prices of finished steel products are being held strictly by the leading producers. The small producers continue to cut on occasion, and perhaps somewhat more freely than a fortnight ago. On the whole, it may be said that prices are unusually well held considering the condition of demand, which does not represent over 55% of capacity, if as much.

"There are constant accessions to the ranks of those who believe there is no solution to the existing problem but a general cut in prices with a period of genuine competition. Producers were generally deterred from such a course last year from inability to discern distinct prospects that one producer rather than another would be eliminated, but further scrutiny seems to develop interests which would be put out of the competition, leaving a larger share for the survivors.

"It is reported that a Cleveland furnace interest has sold 3,000 tons of basic iron for third quarter delivery at less than $13.25 at furnace, but that so low a price would not have been made had the iron been for Cleveland territory."

OLD IRON PLANTS

In State of Oregon as Described by Dunbar Man.

Arthur McVey, formerly of Dunbar, and well known throughout Fayette and Westmoreland counties, has written an interesting letter to The Courier from Oswego, Clackamar county, Oregon, where he is now located. With the letter, a number of views are enclosed, showing scenes in the vicinity of Oswego, among them the first smelter, built in 1851.

Oswego is located seven miles south of Portland, on the famous Williamette river. Mr. McVey writes that the salmon industry is in full swing, and wishes that some of his Fayette county friends were there to experience the thrill one gets when landing a 75-pounder.

The plant of the Oregon Iron & Steel Company, built over 30 years ago, is located at Oswego. It has not been operated for more than 20 years, as the ore found near the plant was not satisfactory. At Oswego is also located the only cast iron pipe mill on the coast. It is in steady operation.

Mr. McVey concluded his letter as follows:

Many Fayette county people are here, and we all read The Courier regularly, and enjoy its pages just as much as ever. We send our kindest regards to the people of Old Flatt and vicinity, and trust that your grand old paper will keep on reaching out further and further.

ACCIDENT AT MOREWOOD.

Rope in Haulage Jumped Sheave Wheel, Injuring Four Men.

What might have been a very serious accident, but which resulted only in slight injury to four men, occurred Saturday afternoon in the Morewood mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company. The injured men were: Ernest Copeland, Thomas Copeland, Eugene Lakin and Emmet Jones.

There had been a fall at a curve on the main haulage road and 10 men were sent to clean it up. After the road was clear, four of the men thoughtlessly stepped inside the haulage rope to allow the trip to pass. For some unknown cause, the rope jumped the sheave wheel and pinned the men against the rib. The other six at once sprang to their assistance and succeeded in getting them out of danger, not, however, before they had been more or less cut and bruised.

All were removed to their homes in Mt. Pleasant, and will be able to return to work within a week.

Had the four men been working alone, it is almost certain that some, if not all, would have been killed.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 1911.				WEEK ENDING APR. 29, 1911.			
District.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	23,806	14,248	9,558	153,793	23,806	14,870	8,936	167,415
Lower Connellsville	15,593	10,932	4,661	126,574	15,593	11,260	4,333	133,125
Totals	39,399	25,180	14,219	280,367	39,399	26,130	13,269	300,540
Furnace Ovens.								
Connellsville	18,716	11,514	7,202	121,810	18,716	12,072	6,644	133,227
Lower Connellsville	4,613	3,268	1,345	35,606	4,613	3,348	1,265	39,619
Totals	23,329	14,782	8,547	160,416	23,329	15,420	7,909	172,846
Merchant Ovens.								
Connellsville	5,090	2,734	2,356	31,983	5,090	2,798	2,292	34,188
Lower Connellsville	10,980	7,664	3,316	87,968	10,980	7,912	3,068	93,506
Totals	16,070	10,398	5,672	119,951	16,070	10,710	5,360	127,694

SHIPMENTS.	WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 1911.	WEEK ENDING APR. 29, 1911.
To Pittsburg	3,076 Cars.	3,287 Cars.
To Points West of Pittsburg	5,136 Cars.	5,129 Cars.
To Points East of the Region	798 Cars.	798 Cars.
Totals	9,010 Cars.	9,214 Cars.

FRICK VETERANS ELECT OFFICERS.

Also Take Ten New Members Into Their Association.

DATE OF SUMMER PICNIC

Set For June 19 and It Will Be Held This Year at Idlewild—List of the Members That Now Comprise the Association.

Ten new members were elected to the Frick Veterans Association and the date of the annual outing was set at a meeting held in the H. C. Frick Coke Company's offices in Scottdale, Saturday evening. The veterans are men who have been continuously in the employ of the company for over 20 years. The new members who were received into the organization were J. H. Hutchinson, assistant shipper in the Scottdale office; A. D. Oberly, chief draughtsman of the engineering department, Scottdale; William McWilliams, Scottdale, treasurer of the Union Supply Company; P. S. Wolfersperger, Southwest No. 3 office; Thomas W. Jones, Standard office; A. W. Bowman, manager of Davidson store; Joseph W. Jones, of the Leith office; J. W. Myers, of the Pittsburg office; Elmer C. Hubbs, manager of the Mammoth store, and James Hart, superintendent at Ruffington mine.

The annual picnic will be held at Idlewild on Wednesday, July 19, and this is the great social event of the summer season in the region, as the party is not confined to the veterans, but there are always a number of invited guests. In 1907-8 the outings were at Ohiopyle, in 1909 at Oakford park, and last year at Killarney park. The committee having in charge the picnic arrangements is made up of I. A. Barnhart and V. W. Yahner of the Scottdale office, J. M. Atcheson of the Pittsburg office; Robert Ramsey, superintendent of United, Calumet and Mutual; H. W. Giles, superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant Water Company, and P. J. Tormay, superintendent of Trotter. The officers of the association were re-elected as follows: W. A. Todd, President; J. A. Barnhart, Secretary-Treasurer, and P. J. Tormay, Vice President.

The complete roster of the association is as follows:

W. A. Todd, Chief Shipper; V. W. Yahner, Assistant Shipper; James Lynch, Superintendent, Valley Mine; M. L. Hays, Manager, Valley Store; J. A. Barnhart, Chief Clerk; J. B. Hutchinson, Assistant Shipper; A. D. Oberly, Chief Draughtsman; William McWilliams, Treasurer, Union Supply Company; J. A. Cowan, Superintendent South West No. 1 Mine; J. E. Criswell, Mt. Pleasant Water Company; D. M. Pigman, Manager, Standard Store; P. S. Wolfersberger, South West No. 3 Office; Thomas W. Jones, Standard Office; H. W. Giles, Superintendent Mt. Pleasant Water Company; Hugh Close, Manager, Buckeye Store; W. S. Ramsay, Superintendent, Buckeye Mine; Robert Ramsay, Superintendent, United Mine; H. A. Fisher, United Office; P. J. Tormay, Superintendent, Trotter Mine; A. W. Bowman, Manager, Davidson Store, P. J. Locke, Superintendent, Leith Mine; Joseph W. Jones, Leith Office; W. C. Mullan, Superintendent, Continental No. 1 Mine; J. C. Keck, Manager, New Salem Store; J. W. Henderson, Redstone Office; James A. Childs, Superintendent, Juniata Mine; Philip Keller, Treasurer; J. Howard Gregg, Car Accountant, W. J. Askin, Chief Accountant, J. W. Anawalt, President, Union Supply Company; William Gates, Jr., Real Estate Agent, J. D. McCreery, Pittsburg office; J. W. Myers, Pittsburg office; J. M. Atcheson, Pittsburg Office; C. H. Spencer, Formerly General Agent (retired); Thomas Lynch, President; Hugh Coll, Formerly Superintendent Trotter Water Company, (retired); C. A. Richey, C. S. Franks, Superintendent Leisenring No. 1 Mine; Elmer C. Hubbs, Manager Mammoth Store; James Hart, Superintendent Ruffington Mine; A. F. Downing, Superintendent Dorothy Mine.

REIS CHOSEN

Vice President of the U. S. Steel Corporation.

John Reis, formerly assistant to the President, has been appointed a vice president of the United States Steel Corporation. Before coming to New York, Mr. Reis was general manager of the New Castle-Sharon district and has been with the corporation since its formation. He continues in charge of construction work, with probably additional duties to be assigned.

The office of vice president of the Steel Corporation is an appointive, not an elective one. No provision is made in the by-laws for the classification of vice presidents, with the omission of the title of "first" or "second" and so on.

The vice presidents of the corporation are David G. Kerr and John Reis.

TWELVE PASS

For Mine Foremen in the Fifth Bituminous District.

Out of a class of 23, 12 men who took the mine foreman examination in the Fifth district held recently in the Court House passed successfully. The 12 made averages ranging from 75 to 91 per cent. The successful applicants follow: Thomas C. Davis, Oliver; James W. Cramer and Thomas W. Keighley, Uniontown; John Yauger, McClellandtown; Thomas Richards, Smock; Anthony Joseph Haley, Smithfield; John Mare, Uniontown; Matthew H. Hernansker and S. J. Hooper, Uniontown; William Cowie, Brownfield; S. J. Dorolinsky, Waltersburg and Edward I. Rawe, Brownfield.

The examining committee that consisted of Mine Inspector J. G. Robb, John T. Hoover and Homer Lewis have recommended the men in the foregoing list to the State Mining Department for mine foremen certificates.

ARY DINES STEEL MEN.

Price Question one Over and Market Outlook Discussed.

NEW YORK, May 10.—A large number of steel manufacturers from Pittsburg, Chicago, Buffalo and other steel districts, together with the officers of the United States Steel Corporation, were guests of Chairman E. H. Gary at a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria Friday night.

While the dinner was described as a social function, there was a discussion of the steel situation throughout the country and the question of prices was gone over in view of the present dullness of the market. There was a hopeful note in the discussion and it is believed that the manufacturers will decide to maintain prices as they did at their last dinner in January.

Violated Mining Law.

William Colgus has been prosecuted before Squire Bierer at Uniontown on a charge of violating the mining law. It is claimed that Colgus tore down a danger signal in the Leisenring No. 2 mine.

Station at Cumberland.

The Western Maryland Railroad Company will build a $50,000 station at Cumberland.

SAFETY COMMITTEE OF FRICK COMPANY.

It Is Composed of Nearly Five Hundred Active Members.

COMMITTEE AT EVERY PLANT

Made Up of Superintendent, Mine Foreman, His Assistant, Fire Bosses, Rib Boss and Boss Driver. Meetings Are Held Each Week.

A Committee of Safety, composed of nearly 500 active members, certainly should be able to look after the welfare of a vast number of people, and formulate plans and methods that will be highly beneficial.

Almost 500 men constitute the Department of Safety organized by the H. C. Frick Coke Company, and it is a department that is working incalculable good to the thousands of employes.

A permanent safety committee is established in each plant, consisting of the Superintendent, Mine Foreman, Assistant Mine Foreman, Fire Bosses, Rib Bosses and Boss Driver. In addition to, and working in connection with this permanent committee there is a committee composed of three workmen, who serve for six months, when three other workmen are appointed.

Every week the committee gets together, and anything affecting the safety of the employes is taken up and thoroughly discussed. One plain fact is recognized by all—no accident is without its cause and it is the duty of the safety committee to ascertain the cause and apply the remedy.

A written report is made of every accident resulting in personal injury, or that might in any day endanger the lives of the men. This report, which is prepared by the head of the department in which the accident occurred, gives every detail, and is taken up for general discussion, with a view of devising some means of preventing recurrence.

The fullest expression of opinion is encouraged, and no suggestion is ignored. Each and every plan is carefully considered, its good and bad points gone over and impartially weighed, and the suggestion accepted or rejected, as the committee decides.

A report of each case, and the conclusion arrived at as to the method of preventing similar accidents, is sent to the General Superintendent's office at Scottdale, from where it is transmitted to the other plants.

Each member of the permanent safety committee wears an attractive blue enameled button, around the edge of which are the words "Permanent Safety Committee," and in the center "H. C. F. C. Co." in monogram.

The movement is a most laudable one and has aroused unbounded enthusiasm among the employes, who appreciate what is being done to safeguard them in their hazardous occupations.

Coal Railroad Opened.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., May 10.—The connecting link in the Fairmont and Northern Railway was made, connecting Fairmont and Fairview and opening up a large and important coal field. The line covers 13 miles and is one of the most important in the state of West Virginia. The road will be in full operation by May 12.

Production and Output.

A REORGANIZATION

Of the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company Expected.

INDIANA, Pa., May 10.—Announcement of the reorganization of the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company is expected in a few days. This action will put that gigantic concern on its feet again and give a decided impetus in the coal industry in some parts of this county.

While the full details of the reorganization have not been made public it is believed that new blood and money will be infused into the organization and that a sale of a part of the large holdings of the company will be made to furnish funds for the resumption of mining activities and the purchase of modern machinery.

The Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company is in the hands of a receiver, Thomas H. Watkins, of New York, who himself went into bankruptcy some time ago. This company owns in the vicinity of 30,000 acres of the best coal lands in Cambria county besides gigantic holdings in the northern and eastern part of this county. One of the chief reasons for the suspending of operations by the Pennsylvania company was the heavy obligations that had to be met in the form of a five per cent. $4,000,000 bond issue, much of which is held by persons in this section of the State. It is probable that in the reorganization the bonds of the old company will be transferred to preferred stock of the new company.

When the company is reorganized and mining operations started again the output of the mines of the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company will be somewhere between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 tons per year.

OPEN STEEL PLANT.

Eureka Company Draws First Heat From Furnace.

In the presence of President G. B. Smith, Vice President J. J. Rattigan and about 75 invited guests the first heat from the new 7½ ton furnace of the new plant of the Eureka Steel Company, in the West End, was drawn at 8 o'clock Monday evening. The first crucible was drawn by John Geyer, an ex-ball player and a veteran steel man.

The new plant is located in McKnight and Lowe streets, and though immature compared to the mammoth steel mills of the city, it is modern in construction and equipment and has all the facilities for rapid production.

The company is a recently formed Pennsylvania corporation with a capital stock of $2,500,000 and owns valuable patents and methods pertaining to the economnical production of the higher grades of steel. It is the intention of the officials to manufacture the better grades of crucible and special allow steels and steel products.

A new 10-inch, three high, steel rod mill, also just completed, will soon be put in operation. The plant, with all departments will employ about 300 men.

The initial opening of the furnace is under most auspicous conditions as the company has already booked orders and contracts almost to capacity, including work for the United States Government for special ordinance material that will keep it busy until June, 1912.

COAL PRODUCTION

In 1910 Estimated Between 480,000,000 and 490,000,000 Tons.

The unofficial estimate of the coal production of the United States for 1910 by E. W. Parker, coal statistician of the United States Geological Survey is between 480 and 490 million tons. As shown by the Survey's chart of coal production, just issued the first recorded production of coal was 22 tons in 1814. By 1850 the production had grown to what was then considered the enormous amount of 7,018,181 tons, but by 1860 this figure had doubled and the production for that year was 11,610,042 tons. This was less than the production of Alabama alone for 1909.

The centennial year of 1876 saw a production of 52,250,000 tons. In 1880 the figure had reached 71,181,570 tons, yet this is less than the production of the single State of Pennsylvania in 1909. By 1890 the production had jumped to 157,770,000 tons and by 1900 it was 269,684,027 tons. Surely this was about as high as it was believed by most people that coal production would go, yet the figures for 1907 showed the enormous total of 480,-366,421 tons, those for 1909 were 460,-807,116 tons, and according to Mr. Parker's estimate the production for 1910 may come very near the half-billion mark.

Strikers and Deputies Clash.

In a clash between striking miners and deputy sheriffs at Jamison No. 1 mines, Tuesday morning, Frank Ruffner was seriously shot and John Ruffner, Sibstian Drago and Bert Kuhnitz more or less seriously injured. A dispute as to what constituted the company's property caused the trouble.

COKE TRADE FACES SUMMER DULLNESS.

Furnaces Continue to Go Out of Blast and Ovens Shut Down.

MERCHANT INTERESTS AFFECTED

Now as Well as the Ovens Controlled By the Furnace Interests—Figures For the Coke Trade During the First Four Months of 1911.

The Connellsville coke business is evidently on the toboggan. It faces a period of serious summer dullness. Prices are reported to be holding their own, but that isn't saying much with sales at the profitless figure of $1.50 per ton. It is time that we are now back to the January conditions, but we have no assurances that we will remain there. Furnaces continue to go out of blast and as a consequence coke ovens continue to shut down. Approximately 1,000 ovens were put out of commission last week. Of these 638 were furnace ovens and 372 were merchant ovens. The merchant interests held their own very well until the past week, when they suddenly dropped down below the low record of the year. The following table gives a comprehensive view of the trend of production during the first four months of 1911 compared with the production of last week.

Week	Furnace.	Merchant.	Total.
Jan. 7	179,965	124,920	284,885
Jan. 14	170,875	120,187	280,320
Jan. 21	177,225	132,250	287,475
Jan. 28	164,020	127,685	291,705
Feb. 4	178,080	124,185	302,265
Feb. 11	179,445	127,800	307,245
Feb. 18	194,715	128,050	322,765
Feb. 25	205,630	133,758	339,388
Mar. 4	213,961	130,716	302,677
Mar. 11	222,510	134,961	357,471
Mar. 18	225,090	138,606	364,386
Mar. 25	228,489	141,766	371,255
Apr. 1	225,861	142,165	368,026
Apr. 8	218,143	144,626	362,769
Apr. 15	211,598	137,877	349,475
Apr. 22	183,680	128,262	312,942
Apr. 29	167,415	133,125	300,540
May 6	153,793	126,574	280,367

The total estimated production for the first eighteen weeks of 1911 was 5,848,667 tons, of which 3,458,766 tons was furnace and 2,389,901 tons was merchant. The average weekly production was 324,926 tons, of which 192,154 tons was furnace and 132,772 tons was merchant coke.

Estimated production took another step backward last week and decreased 20,173 tons, as compared with the preceding week, the total being 280,367 tons as compared with 300,540 tons. The production of the furnace ovens fell off 12,430 tons, while the output of the merchant ovens declined 7,743 tons.

The running order was 4.95 days, as compared with 5.20 days the week before. The average of the furnace ovens was 4.80 days as against 5.13 days, while the merchant ovens averaged 5.16 days as against 5.31 days.

Of the 14,782 furnace ovens, 60 ran seven days; 1,228 ran six days; 9,254 ran five days, and 4,240 ran four days.

Of the 10,398 merchant ovens, 1,51 ran six days; 3,419 ran five days; 2,237 ran four days and 206 ran two days.

Of the entire 25,180 ovens in operation, 60 ran seven days; 5,741 ran six days, 12,707 ran five days, 6,467 ran four days and 206 ran two days.

Shipments fell off 204 cars as compared with the previous week, the total being 9,010 cars as against 9,214 cars. The decline was entirely in shipments to Pittsburg which decreased 211 cars. Shipments to points west of Pittsburg gained 7 cars, while eastern shipments were the same, to a car.

The number of ovens in operation was increased by the firing of 3 scattering ovens, and reduced by the blowing out of the following: Leisenring No. 1, 10; Leisenring No. 2, 40; Leisenring No. 3 40; Trotter, 10; Yorkrun, 40; Oliver No. 1, 128; Oliver No. 2, 250; Mt. Braddock, 32; Revere, 55; Edna, 50; Parshall No. 2, 68; Sutton, 90; Washington No. 1, 20; Washington No. 2, 20; Edenborn, 40; Lambert 40, total, 959 ovens, making a net decrease of 350 ovens.

WILL COOL HOT MILLS.

Steel Corporation to Install Apparatus For Use in Summer Months.

The American Sheet and Tin Plate Company has taken steps to eliminate as much as possible the suffering of the mill workers in the hot mills of that company in the summer months. Orders have been placed for installing mechanical cooling devices in the mills and some of them will be available shortly. The idea is, that when the men are kept cool they can work better and with less danger to their own health.

Much interest was taken in the announcement. If the experiment is a success it is reported that other steel concerns will adopt the method.

FAYETTE COKE MEN AT SUMMIT DINNER.

Pennsylvania Railroad Man, S. L. Seymour, Gives His Reasons

WHY COKE TRADE IS DULL

In the Connellsville Region—Says Other Regions Have Cut In and the By-Product Ovens Are Lessening the Demand from This District.

About fifty members of the Fayette County Coke Producers Association dined at the Summit Saturday evening as the guests of F. P. Truesdale, special agent of the Pennsylvania railroad in the Connellsville region. The dinner was arranged for the coke men to bask in the good fellowship of S. L. Seymour, General Freight Agent of the Pennsylvania railroad in the Pittsburg district, and incidentally to hear what he had to say about the coke trade and its relationship to the railroads. Attorney J. R. Cray was toastmaster. There were several short talks by members of the Coke Producers Association, the most extended of which was delivered by E. D. Fulton. Attorney Fulton was rather severe in his general arraignment of corporate interests, especially the railroads.

Mr. Seymour's remarks were an explanation from the railroad man's viewpoint of the present slack conditions in the coke market. He went as far back as 1907, since which time conditions in the Connellsville coke market have been susceptible to many and abrupt changes, up and down. Mr. Seymour contended that other coke fields have diverted a portion of the demand away from the Connellsville district and that the building and operation of by-product ovens has also lessened the demand in recent months for coke tonnage from this region.

In his address Mr. Seymour at one point used unconsciously a quotation from a recent interview of a high official of the United States Steel Corporation regarding the diversion of tonnage from the Connellsville region, which brought on a good natured colloquy between the speaker and O. W. Kennedy as to what person was responsible for Mr. Seymour's utterances. Mr. Seymour got around the question by telling a story at his own expense and apropos under the circumstances.

Continuing Mr. Seymour contended that the rates on coal and coke shipments have nothing to do with the lack of prosperity in this region. He said the same rates prevailed during prosperous periods the region enjoyed in the past. The following persons were present:

S. L. Seymour, J. C. Venning, F. P. Truesdale, Harry Whyel, James R. Cray, G. S. Harah, J. P. Brennan, of Scottdale; R. J. Humphries, of Latrobe; M. F. Pickard, W. A. Bishop, W. R. Solsson and Cyrus Echard, of Connellsville; Charles S. Hempstead and C. E. Lenhart, of New Salem; F. W. Byrne of Scottdale; I. W. Semans, T. B Semans, L. W. Fogg, George Whyel, J. W. Abraham, John R. Thompson, D. B. Stauft, E. D. Fulton, F. S. Kelghley, J. M. Hustead, J. E. Hustead, R. W. Gilmore, Francis Rocks, John E. Rocks, J. B. Topham W. A. Stone, O. P. Stone, George H. Portz, F. E. Weddell, T. J. White, F. C. Mathias, Harold Semans, O. W. Kennedy, T. J. Mitchell, A. L. Gaddis, E. H. Rowe, William Allison, George W. Campbell, of Connellsville; R. M. Fry, J. E. Hess, James H. Hoover, of McClellandtown; J. H. Lynn and Thomas B. McCaffrey, of Brier Hill.

AN OLD FIGHT

Decided Over Ownership of Farm in Somerset County.

SOMERSET, May 10.—Judge Kooser this morning handed down a decision in the equity proceedings of Abraham B. Howard of Jefferson township against Albert Scott and Margaret Brown of Greensburg and Elizabeth M. Zimmerman, Ella F. Cowles, Minnie A. Hill and Frank E. Hill of Pittsburg, heirs of the late John Hill of Greensburg, finding for the plaintiff. The suit was over 351 acres in Jefferson township, originally valued at $2,500, but since become worth much more because of the coal beneath it.

In 1883 Albert Scott secured an agreement to purchase from Howard for $3,500 and in 1885 conveyed the property to the late John Hill. Hill died intestate and the defendants are his heirs.

Howard claimed the agreement with Scott was only an option, that a balance of $1,300 still remains unpaid, and that the property still belongs to him. The defendants claimed the agreement was equivalent to a deed and volunteered to pay over the $1,300 balance. Judge Kooser ruled that claim to the property was forfeited by Scott, who failed to pay the balance within the specified time.

COAL PRODUCTION

In Allegheny County in 1910 Was 18,710,783 Tons.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 8.—The figures for the soft coal production of Allegheny county during the year 1910, which have been compiled at the State Department of Mines, show that 18,710,783 tons of coal were brought out of the earth at the 120 mines reported as operating in the county.

These figures have been taken from the mine inspection reports and are of considerable interest as showing the large proportion of coal which is mined in that county. The total has been higher in some years, but the production last year ranks away up.

COMPLAINTS FILED

Against Two Railroads in West Virginia for Discrimination.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Two complaints against the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company and the Island Creek Railroad Company were filed Monday with the Interstate Commerce Commission by coal companies operating in Logan county, West Virginia. One petition alleges discrimination in freight rates and the other alleges in addition unfair distribution of cars and discrimination in the moving of trains from Logan, W. Va., the junction point of the two roads, to destination. Both complaints describe the Island Creek road as a line four miles long, owned by the United States Coal & Oil Company, a competitor of the complainants owning a locomotive but no coal cars. The Gay Coal & Coke Company and the Cora Coal & Coke Company jointly say that the Island Creek railroad by an agreement with the Chesapeake & Ohio takes the empty coal cars allotted by the latter road to the tipples of the complainant companies on the line of the former road and brings them back to the Chesapeake & Ohio when loaded. The Chesapeake & Ohio enforces a rate of $1 a ton on coal to point of destination at Cincinnati, and the Island Creek railroad compels payment by the coal companies of $3 a car to and from the yards of the Chesapeake & Ohio at Logan to the mines.

The complainants allege that these charges are "unjust, unreasonable and illegal," and assert that a reasonable rate from the mines to Cincinnati would be $1 a ton. They ask relief and that the defendant carriers be compelled to publish a joint or through rate to be fixed by the commission.

The other complaint against the two roads is made by the Ethel Coal Company, the Manitoba Coal Company, the Logan Coal Company, the Price Coal Company, the H. T. Wilson Coal Company, the Port Branch Coal Corporation, the Rex Coal & Coke Company, the Gay Coal & Coke Company, and the Coma Coal & Coke Company. They describe themselves as competitors of the United States Coal & Oil Company, which has as subsidiary corporations the Guyan Valley Coal Company and the Island Creek Fuel Company, as well as the Island Creek Railroad Company. The latter and the Chesapeake & Ohio are the means of access to the market at Cincinnati. It is alleged that in times of shortage of cars the complainants are not given their proper percentage. It is said that the Guyan Valley Coal Company is the owner of 200 coal cars and that the Chesapeake & Ohio refuses to take account of them in making allotments. It is alleged that the Chesapeake & Ohio gives preference to the competitor of the complainants in moving loaded cars from Logan to destination and also that the competitors named in the complaint are given a rate of 25 cents a ton fromt Logan to Huntingdon, where they ship on barges for Cincinnati, empties being returned without further charge, this low rate to Huntingdon enabling the United States Coal & Oil Company to reach points of consumption with an advantage of 25 cents a ton over complainants, thereby curtailing the market of the complainants.

NEW RAILROAD

Is Being Surveyed Through Virgin Fields of Greene County.

The corps of Pennsylvania railroad surveyors under charge of Engineer Samuel Wolf, which has been engaged for about two months in making a railroad survey from the Bessemer Coke Company's works, near Millsboro, via Clarksville, Jefferson and Homeville to Waynesburg, completed the survey to Waynesburg Saturday.

Reference to this survey has been made in the Greene county papers several times since it was begun. The line follows Ten Mile creek the entire distance. The engineer party arrived at a point about a mile east of Waynesburg on Friday evening and on Saturday noon completed their survey into the borough, connecting with the switch of the Waynesburg and Washington railroad, east of Morgan street, on the old fair ground. Saturday afternoon they were surveying on the Sayers farm southwest of Waynesburg, which would indicate an extension of the projected line beyond Waynesburg. This might be for the standardizing of the Waynesburg & Washington, or the survey may go on west toward Wheeling.

The party is stopping at the Downer House and it is understood will be located there for about three weeks. Assistant Chief Engineer E. W. Clark, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will be in Waynesburg this week.

It was announced some time ago by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company that the new railroad from Millsboro up the north branch of Ten Mile creek by way of Zollarsville, Marianna and Ten Mile to Hackney's would be built this year. Since the location of the coke plant on the Huffman farm at Homeville, for J. G. Patterson, the wealthy Pittsburg coal operator, there is good reason to expect the building of a Pennsylvania line up the south branch of Ten Mile to Waynesburg. It also would be very reasonable to expect that a standard gauge road would be constructed from Waynesburg to Washington.

The Lake Erie railroad, it is said, is making preparations to extend its line from Martin Station up the Monongahela to New Geneva, and thence across the river into Dunkard township and on to the West Virginia line where work is in active progress for the building of the road in that State known as the Buckhannon & Northern.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, May 6, 1911.

Total Ovens.	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
281	120	Acme	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
60	.....	Acme	Penn Coke Co.	Uniontown
378	200	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
356	120	Alverton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
397	397	Bagdaley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
192	192	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
120	.....	Bethany	Majestic Coke Co.	Uniontown
500	200	Bitner	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
90	.....	Bourne	Wharton Furnace Co.	Uniontown
120	120	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
240	160	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
295	160	Buckeye	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	.....	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
200	140	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	.....	Carolyn	Pennsylvania Coke Co.	Pittsburg
220	220	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
54	54	Chester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
150	150	Clare	Clare Coke Co.	Greensburg
105	93	Clarissa	James Cochran Sons Co.	Dawson
120	.....	Coalbrook	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	220	Colbert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	320	Continental No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
226	214	Continental No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	220	Continental No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	120	Crossland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
253	240	Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	.....	Dexter	J. R. Stauffer & Co.	Scottdale
220	.....	Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
48	48	Allen No. 1	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
80	80	Allen No. 2	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
80	80	Elizabeth	Unity-Connellsville Coke Co.	Greensburg
218	120	Elm Grove	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
154	91	Fort Hill	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
50	16	Franklin	H. F. Keister & Co.	Scottdale
101	101	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	100	Grace	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
222	102	Hecla No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
600	300	Hecla No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Hecla No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
80	80	Hester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Masontown
80	.....	Henry Clay	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
265	200	Hostetter	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	.....	Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg
280	150	Juniata	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	.....	Junction	Marietta-Garber Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
220	120	Kyle	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
499	300	Leisenring No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
498	300	Leisenring No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
260	160	Leisenring No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
224	240	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
122	100	Lemont No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Lemont No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	.....	Little Sunshine	King Coke Co.	Uniontown
112	.....	Love	C'ville-Mutual Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
40	40	Maree	Maree Coke Co.	Uniontown
510	300	Mammoth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	220	Marguerite	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	.....	Marion	Marion Coke Co.	Connellsville
145	112	Morgan	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
132	142	Mt. Braddock	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
310	310	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg, Pa.
136	.....	Mutual	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
82	.....	Myers	Brownfield-C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
125	125	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
231	200	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
40	40	Painter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
172	172	Paul	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
.....	.....	Pennsville	Pennsville Coke Co.	Pennsville
12	.....	Perry	Marietta & Stillwagon	Perry
400	320	Phillips	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
175	.....	Rainey	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
448	320	Redstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Rogers	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
36	36	Sapper	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
150	60	Semet-Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co.	Dunbar
82	.....	Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
80	80	Shirey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
250	250	Shoaf	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Southwest No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	.....	Southwest No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
224	100	Southwest No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
154	.....	Southwest No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
61	61	Spring Grove	Cochran Bros.	Dawson
650	650	Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
50	20	Sterling No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
150	.....	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co.	Uniontown
125	.....	Summit	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	40	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
42	42	Tip Top	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
340	340	Trotter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
70	.....	Union	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
350	350	United	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
350	120	Valley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
80	80	Veteran	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
200	.....	White	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
252	250	Whitney	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
350	176	Wynn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Yeagertown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
241	160	Youngstown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg

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FITZGERALD CASE ARGUED

Supreme Court Hears Details of International Alimony Suit.

When the State Supreme Court took up argument in Philadelphia yesterday in the appeal of Gerald Purcell Fitzgerald of Ireland from a recent decision of the Common Pleas Court of Fayette county, in proceedings brought to enforce the provisions of an agreement made by Fitzgerald just prior to the amendment of his marriage to Lida Eleanor Purcell Fitzgerald of Uniontown, the details of the famous international cases were again rehearsed.

When the alimony case was argued before Judge Umbel of Fayette county, he decided the case against Mr. Fitzgerald, ordering to pay the sum of $16,480 to the trustees for the benefit of the divorced wife and a further sum of $5,588 for the benefit of the wife and children, and entered a decree that such payments should be a lien on Fitzgerald's interests in the Fayette Coke Company property. At yesterday's arguments Ex-Governor Stone and former Judge James Gay Gordon appeared for Fitzgerald, while Samuel E. Untermyer of New York represented Mrs. Fitzgerald. The court reserved its decision.

Forty Miners Entombed.

LONDON, England, May 10.—(Special.)—Forty men were entombed today, when an explosion wrecked the St. Margaret coal mine, near White Haven. It is feared all were killed.

B. & O. EARNINGS.

In the Month of April Decreased Between $500,000 and $600,000.

The gross receipts of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad or the month of April decreased between $500,000 and $600,000, but no net decrease is shown. The company announces that it can retrench considerably without any deterioration but will not do so unless business decreases to a greater extent. Although April has usually been a better month for traffic than March, the reduction in expenses during April doubled that during March. The company has 100 locomotives ready for a substantial increase in business.

It is the prediction of the local officials that the railroad will pay a good dividend this year, regardless of the present rates.

Freight Tonnage Improves.

Traffic officials and representatives of railroads, the business of which passes through Pittsburg gateway, both initial lines and foreign, report an appreciably better showing in respect to the volume of eastbound tonnage, that for last week having been 7 per cent in excess of the volume for the corresponding week of 1910.

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BIG FIGHT MADE FOR TIMBER LAND

And Other Very Valuable Land Tracts by the Ball Heirs.

TEST CASE IS PENDING

One Tract is Timber Acreage in West Virginia for Which a Sale is Pending to the Kendall Brothers and Others—Heirs Organized Company.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., May 10.—Litigation which has been started at Morgantown over the ownership of a valued timber tract of 5,200 acres is the opening gun in a fight which Uniontown people and their relatives propose to wage in an effort to secure possession of thousands of acres of land, located in eight counties of Pennsylvania, two counties of West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Isaac F. Hornbeck of Uniontown is president of the Ball Land and Lumber Company, which claims it can show valid title to the following properties now held by other people: 13,190 acres in Mifflin county, Pa.; 13,000 acres in Greene county, Pa.; 8,210 acres in Huntingdon county, Pa.; 6,540 acres in Luzerne county, Pa.; 6,240 acres in Franklin county, Pa.; 6,000 acres in Pike county, Pa.; 3041½ acres in Wayne county, Pa.; 5,200 acres in Monongalia and Preston counties, W. Va.; 198½ acres in the District of Columbia; eight valuable lots in Washington, D. C.

It is claimed that according to the records in Philadelphia and Washington, D. C., all this land was owned during his lifetime by Joseph Ball, prominent shipbuilder of Philadelphia, who died 85 years ago. It is stated that part of this land was acquired by a Bill through purchase, but that by Ball through purchase, but that ownership by patent in return for ships he built for the government.

After thorough investigation of the entire genealogy of the Ball family this company was formed and all of its members claim to be direct heirs of Joseph Ball. It was organized three years ago and chartered under the laws of Arizona. The officers are: Isaac F. Hornbeck, Uniontown, President; I. S. Ball, Waterford, Pa., Vice President; Miss Abigail Huntingdon, Perry, Ohio, Secretary; A. B. Skelton, Cambridge Springs, Pa., Treasurer, and Ed. R. Prince, Parkersburg, W. Va., Superintendent.

The first test is directed to the West Virginia tract of 5,200 acres which has been held for a number of years by Chess brothers of Pittsburg. This land is assessed at $20 per acre, and expert lumbermen have declared it to be one of the best timber tracts in that region. Chess brothers own 7,000 or 8,000 acres in that section in addition to the disputed tract.

Ever since the latter part of August, 1909, the Ball interests have maintained a camp on this tract. In the summer of that year they made a survey to determine the location of the land they claimed, then one night in August they entered on the land, erected a camp and have been there ever since. The cabin which they built has never been vacant one night since it was erected, while through the day some member of the company has been in sight of and guarding the camp constantly. It is proposed to keep up this vigil until the courts determine the matter of ownership.

After the Balls established their camp Chess Brothers got out an injunction at Morgantown to restrain the Balls from cutting timber or conducting operations on the land, and this injunction is still in force. The Balls have filed exceptions to the injunction in order to throw the question of ownership into the courts, and it is expected the case will come up at the May term of court in Morgantown. Attorneys E. J. Doolittle of Cleveland, O.; ex-Judge McClure & Sons of Parkersburg, and C. W. Cramer of Morgantown, represent the Balls, while Attorneys Lazelle, Cox & Baker of Morgantown have been looking after the interests of Chess Brothers of Pittsburg.

This tract of land is located between the Pennsylvania State line and Cheat river and lies east of Ice's Ferry on Cheat river. It is between Cheat Haven, Pa. and Morgantown, W. Va., being about 10 miles from each place. Nearly the entire tract is covered with timber, consisting of oak, poplar, chestnut and other valuable trees.

"This contest in West Virginia is only preliminary to the test we expect to make for the larger tracts in Pennsylvania," said President Hornbeck of the Ball Company. "We have the records in detail and will make a thorough and complete test and carry the matter through to a finish."

Mr. Hornbeck has had absolute charge of the camp in West Virginia ever since it was opened and Edward R. Prince has been employed as superintendent since the company started operations. William Ball of Uniontown has been in the camp a great part of the time.

Holding the fort at this camp in the forest is a rather lonesome and weird occupation, but someone has been there every moment of the time during the last 20 months. The owls, whippoorwills and frogs send out their penetrating bark in the night air and many kinds of game and wild animals abound. Snakes have been killed only a few feet from the cabin and last winter a wildcat weighing 85 pounds was shot back of the camp. Pheesants, rabbits, wild turkeys, squirrels and other small game are plentiful and there is romance and variety in the life out there in the depths of the woods.

DISCRIMINATION

In Favor of U. S. Steel Corporation Charged Against B. & O.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Discrimination in freight rates in favor of the United States Steel Corporation was charged before the Interstate Commerce Commission at a hearing in the custom house here Monday. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company and several of its subsidiaries were the chief defendants represented in response to the charges filed by the Alpha Portland Cement Company. The plaintiff's attorney said:

"The United States Steel Corporation practicaly dominates are railways of the country and its tremendous influence has enabled the Universal Portland Cement Company of Pittsburg, which is owned entirely by the Steel Corporation, to obtain more favorable rates than can be obtained by its chief competitor and rival, the Alpha Portland Cement Company."

F. H. Gerstell of Easton, Pa., president of the Alpha Cement Company, certified that the alleged favored rates to its rival company tariffed heavily the cost of raw material to his company. He said that General Manager Gallagher of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, had promised to "give the Alpha Company a fair rate." When the 1910 freight tariff schedule was issued, it was found, he testified, that the rival concern had been further favored.

President Gerstell declared to the Commission that the Universal Company had saved more than $500,000 by its alleged special freight rate.

"I think the influence of the United States Steel Corporation has had much to do with fixing the rates which favored the Universal Cement Company," declared Charles F. Sutherland, general freight agent of the Morgantown & Kingwood railroad, which hauls part of the Alpha Company's product.

Mr. Sutherland also testified that the railroad he represented was "fighting for its existence", against the Baltimore & Ohio. The Morgantown & Kingwood road, he said, had been "bottled up" by the Baltimore & Ohio, and had to accept whatever rates that road was willing to give it. He had pleaded long, he said, for lower rates for shippers over his railroad, but without avail.

NEW RAILROAD

Of the United Lumber Company Will Open New Coal Field.

The new railroad of the United Lumber Company building from Humbert on the Virgina & North Fork to a tract of virgin timber, nine miles from Humbert, Somerset county, will develop a new coal field as well as providing an outlet for the timber. The coal is the five foot or what is known as the Pocahontas vein. It makes a good steaming fuel.

One of the deals that is pending is that for the purchase of the Henry Whipkey tract of 200 acres. An offer of $12,000 cash has been made for this coal and part of the surface. Henry Whipkey was in Connellsville Wednesday and met Attorney H. D. Green of Reading, the representative of the purchasers of the coal. Whipkey turned the offer down. He holds the coal at a higher figure and will not include the surface, at least not for the price that has been offered.

Besides the Whipkey tract there are several other farms adjoining that will make a field of close to 5,000 acres that can be opened through the new railroad.

If you have coal land for sale advertise it in The Weekly Courier.

NOTES FROM OTHER REGIONS.

A number of Mines in the Monongahela valley were started after several weeks of idleness on Monday of this week, the incentive thereto being river loading.

A fire of supposed incendiary origin totally destroyed the office of the Meadowlands Coal Company at Avella, Pa., last Saturday night. The records and books were not recoverable by the time the fire was discovered. The loss is computed at about $2,000.

Mines at Henrietta, St. Michael, Beaverdale and Pumpkin Hollow, on the South Fork branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, have been doing about half time for several weeks, but word now is that enlarged output is demanded and energy will be imparted to activities.

Thomas Atkinson has been made foreman of the Beaverdale shaft of the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company, succeeding Foreman O'Farrell, as of date April 15. The mine has been in about normal operation activity for three or four months, and is operated by machines entirely.

To satisfy a mortgage held by the Summit Branch Coal Mining Company, the property of the Lykens Valley Coal Company in the Lykens Valley, Pa., will be sold at Sheriff's sale this week. The sum involved is about $212,00. The property includes mines and buildings, but the sale will not interfere with the operation of the mines.

John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers, later chairman of the Trades Agreement Department of the National Civic Federation, is going on the lecture platform. Among others his subjects will be, "The Philosophy, Purposes and Ideals of the Trade Union Movement," and "Industrial Accidents and Compensation of Workingmen For Losses Caused by Them."

At its meeting in Charleston, W. Va., on April 25, the Kanawha Coal Operators' Association considered the status of trade and mining conditions very fully, and the railroad rate question on lake coal received that through consideration its importance entitles it to. Opinion largely prevailed based on individual reports received, that lake shipments will not reach normality until late in the usual season.

Announcement has been made that the Consolidation Coal Company of Maryland, has become owner of the Grant & Prime Coal Company, at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. This is in furtherance of the policy conservatively outlined and pursued by this company of handling coal from mines to consumers in New England territory; and it is a policy that other large concerns must pursue more energetically than they have done so far.

The Laurel Coal & Land Company, of which Edward P. Meany of New York is president; the Pond Fork Coal & Land Company, of which Mr. Meany is also president, and Forks Coal Company, of which W. A. Stanton of New York, is president, have been authorized under the laws of West Virginia to hold more than 50,000 acres. The first named owns 10,432 acres, the second 11,878 acres, and the third 12,813 acres, all in West Virginia.

"Methods of Testing for Inflammable Gases in Coal Mines" is the subject of an interesting paper read before the Coal Miners' Bureau of Research for Information, at Clarksburg, W. Va., last Saturday evening, in the office of the engineering department of the Consolidation Coal Company by Charles Connor, office and field assistant of the Department of Mines of West Virginia. The paper was illuminated by demonstrations showing how to properly use testing devices. Attendance was large, a number of mining men from Fairmont and intermediate points being present.

RECENT PATENTS

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The following recently granted patents of interest to the coal and coke trade are reported expressly for The Weekly Courier by W. G. Doolittle, Patent Attorney, Park Building, Pittsburg, Pa. from whom copies may be procured for 15 cents each:

Apparatus for igniting miners' safety lamps, Ernst Arthur Hallwood, Morley, England. No. 990,550.

Apparatus for testing miners' safety lamps, etc. Ernest Arthur Hallwood, Morley, England. No. 990,560.

Lubricator, Joseph R. Meager, New York. No. 990,895.

Loading and unloading apparatus, Edward E. Barrett, La Grange, Ill., No. 990,952.

Loading and dumping device, Tilden J. Byler, Blanco, Texas, No. 990,995.

Coating apparatus, Isidoro Ferrer, New York, N. Y., No. 990,969.

Hydraulic coal breaker, William Pitt, Cowanporth England, assignor of one-fourth to Crook M. Waldran, Carbon Hill, Ala., and one-half to Victor R. Pitt, Galloway, Ala., No. 991,017.

Explosive, Charles E. Griffing, Los Angeles, Cal., No. 991,057.

Switch throwing and locking apparatus, Norbert Burns and Edward P. Larry, Venice, La. No. 991,212.

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The Lower Connellsville District

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Total Ovens.	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
40	.....	Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
167	.....	Allison No. 1	W. J. Rainey	New York
40	40	Anica	Kaine & Wilker Coke Co	Uniontown
22	22	Annamyra	John R. Carothers	Uniontown
120	.....	Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Gans
20	.....	Baxter Ridge	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Bridgeport	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	470	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Brier Hill
20	.....	Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
50	16	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Brownsville
426	260	Buffington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
34	.....	Burchunal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
205	205	Century	Century Coke Co	Brownsville
40	40	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
24	.....	Coffman	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
500	500	Colonial No. 1	Colonial Coke Co	Pittsburg
166	156	Colonial No. 3	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	500	Colonial No. 4	Colonial Coke Co	Pittsburg
142	71	Cerilla	Rocks Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
150	97	Crystal	Sackett Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	150	Dearth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
162	162	Donald No. 1	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
240	240	Donald No. 2	Consol.dated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
160	160	Donald No. 3	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
30	30	Dorothea	Iron City Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
44	.....	Dorothy	Jacobs Creek Coke Co	Uniontown
50	.....	Dunn	Dunn-Connellsville Coke Co	Brownsville
800	360	Edenborn	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
149	.....	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co	Uniontown
132	132	Eleanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
32	.....	Emery	South Fayette Coke Co	Masontown
200	200	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
52	52	Finley	Jas. Byrne & Co	Uniontown
476	240	Footedale	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Scottdale
200	200	Francis No. 1	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Francis No. 2	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
40	40	Fruits	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
57	.....	Garwood	Dunlap-Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
58	58	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
250	250	Griffin Nos. 1 & 2	Beaumer Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
52	52	Hilltop	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
74	74	Hoover	James H. Hoover	McClellandtown
28	.....	Hope	Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
100	20	Hostead	Hustead-Semans Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
120	.....	Isabella	Isabella Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
140	140	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
200	.....	LaBelle	Labelle Coke Co	Labelle
220	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Helen
462	300	Lamberi	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
616	300	Leckrone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	.....	Leon	Franklin Coke Co	Uniontown
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
220	160	Low Phos	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
45	.....	Madison	Sackett Coke Co	Pittsburg
64	32	Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
136	.....	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Pittsburg
202	202	McKeefrey	McKeefrey Coal Co	Leonard, Ohio
357	157	Millsboro	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	126	Mt. Hope	Mt. Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
60	60	Murphy	Eckard Coal & Coke Co	Star Junction
30	.....	Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co	Newcomer
60	56	Old Home	W. J. Parshall	Uniontown
440	220	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
34	34	Parshall No. 1	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
168	100	Parshall No. 2	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
30	30	Perry	Perry Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
72	72	Plumer	Plumer Coke Co	Uniontown
338	308	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Uniontown
120	60	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co	Ostrop
350	350	Rowes	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
650	185	Royal	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
278	250	Searight	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
260	260	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
100	.....	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
220	150	Sterling	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
400	240	Thompson No. 1	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	200	Thompson No. 2	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
297	297	Tower Hill No. 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
598	146	Tower Hill No. 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
400	400	Washington No. 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
400	400	Washington No. 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
100	.....	Wayland	Banning-Connellsville Coke Co	Banning
100	.....	Yukon	Wheel Coke Co	Uniontown

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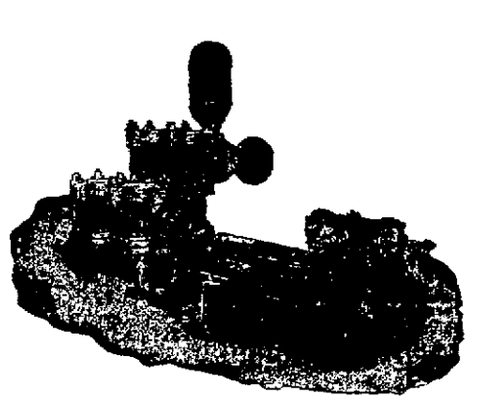

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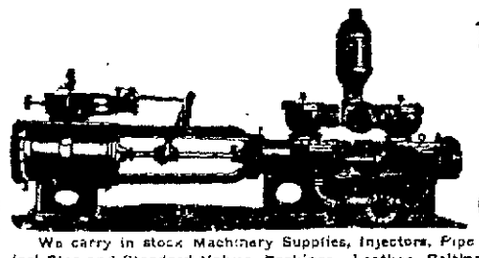

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WHAT MAKES COKE REGION PROSPERITY?

What makes the Connellsville coke region prosperous?

This is a very interesting question to the coke operators and their employés, to railroads and their managers, to business men and people generally whose prosperity and dependence are circumscribed in this environment.

The explanation of a railroad official, especially one possessing so genial and happy a disposition as Division Freigat Agent Seymour, could not help but be interesting, even if not entirely convincing. It is quite true, as he says, that the Connellsville coke region has seen its greatest prosperity under the present freight rates on coke, and he might have put the matter more strongly by saying that the Connellsville coke region has seen its greatest business and its greatest prosperity under even higher freight rates than those which now prevail, but neither statement would be any answer to the present demand for equitable freight rates on Connellsville coke.

The Connellsville coke region has been able in times past to pay discriminating freight rates on its product, and to do a very profitable and highly satisfactory business because coke prices were relatively greater than coke rates We should not, however, lose sight of the fact that this did not at any time make the freight rates on coke equitable. It seems that they have always and persistently and discriminative against the Connellsville region.

That discrimination is more acutely felt just now, not so much because one of the larger operations of the Steel Corporation is making by-product coke out of West Virginia and Indiana coals and supplying the furnaces of this plant with fuel to the exclusion of Connellsville coke.

The Connellsville region never furnished this plant any considerable quantities of coke, and never a pound of merchant coke, which is the coke that makes the market.

ARBITRATION COMES TOO LATE.

The Irwin strike, if it may still be called a strike has attracted the attention and aroused the sympathies of a number of philanthropical people and organizations, who now come forward with proposals for adjusting the differences between the strikers and their employers by arbitration.

If our understanding of the situation is correct, and we have never seen it disputed, the peacemakers come rather late. The battle is over. It was ended some time ago. There is nothing left to arbitrate.

The situation of the strikers and their families is doubtless quite as bad as it has been painted, but their situation is of their own making. The only innocent sufferers are the wives and children. The chief culprits are the labor leaders who persuaded the miners to join their union and then demanded that their employers recognize that union as the real boss of their business.

The proper time to arbitrate the Westmoreland mining strike was before it began. An amicable adjustment should have been attempted before any hostile acts were committed. Philanthropy should have been more alert. That was its proper opportunity.

The striking miners of the Westmoreland district are the victims of designing men masquerading as their friends. The strike in that mining section was deliberately planned by certain labor leaders for the collateral purpose of diverting the Westmoreland coal trade to certain Pittsburg district operators. The Westmoreland operators fought for their very existence when they fought this strike. They may well be excused for their attitude.

The miners have not been the only victims of selfish interests. The operators have suffered at the hands of contriving, officials, who have mulcted them in large amounts for doing what was their official duty. The strike is being encouraged and prolonged, and the peace of Westmoreland county constantly violated by the action of one official enraged because his game of graft has been exposed and checkmated.

Conscientious officials and common sense labor leaders would have avoided the Westmoreland mining strike, and even now could with a proper effort harmonize the warring elements and bring happiness out of misery.

A PROPER SETTLEMENT OF A NEEDLESS STRIKE.

The representatives of the labor unions, prompted thereto by certain philanthropical but rather sentimental people, now propose to arbitrate the mining strike in the Irwin, Greensburg-Connellsville and Upper Connellsville districts.

While peaceful propositions are always entitled to consideration by law-abiding citizens, it is proper to draw attention to the fact that this is the first of the kind that has come from the strike-makers in these districts; and that, to say the least, it comes late and evidently from those who realize that their battle is already lost.

The miners in these districts were persuaded to secretly join the organization known as the United Mine Workers and then suddenly strike to force the operators to "recognize" the union, that is in effect to make their labor contracts with them instead of with the employés themselves.

The employers refused to be coerced. The newly-made and promptly-suffering union miners were ordered out on a strike. They went The operators employed non-union labor, and paid the Sheriff of the county large sums for protection in their lawful right to run their plants unmolested.

In the meantime, it developed that there was a venal motive behind the strike. It has been repeatedly asserted and never denied that this strike movement was instigated by certain rival mining interests working through corrupt labor leaders to secure all or a major portion of the trade of the Westmoreland coal men in the eastern markets.

In common with all right-thinking citizens, we hope to see the Westmoreland labor troubles amicably composed, but if it is the sincere desire of the labor leaders and philanthropists to accomplish this happy result perhaps they had better go back to the primary situation and adjust matters from the beginning to the ending, not forgetting to call the labor officials responsible for the condition to explanation and account.

THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY MADE NO MISTAKE.

After the violent indignation of the Unofficial Organ concerning the alleged appointment by a Republican majority of a Republican to fill a Democratic vacancy in the Town Council, and the ablo justification of this action by The Courier, it is something of a shock to discover that the Democrat whose place was filled by a Republican was really a Republican after all, and that in filling his place with another Republican the Republican majority did nothing that was unrighteous or unjust even from a Democratic point of view. The following communication explains the matter.

I have just concluded reading one of your editorials written in answer to a wail of woe from The News in regard to the appointment of a Republican to fill the unexpired term of a reputed Democratic member of the Town Council who recently resigned. The situation is peculiar and in some respects humorous. The member referred to was perhaps elected as a Democrat, but he is evidently a convert to Republicanism, because at the last general election when asked what party ballot he desired, he answered unhesitatingly, "Republican."

In spite of the accident of a Democratic House at Washington, it is apparent that the Democratic party has outlived its usefulness, and that the future opposition to Republican doctrines and Republican rule must take some other form than that fashioned by the False Prophet of the Platte.

In the meantime, it might be well to remember that Connellsville was never more intelligently and economically governed than it has been under this same Republican rule concerning which The News complains so bitterly, and that it is perhaps the duty of the Republican organization to strengthen its hand whenever the opportunity offers.

It is a recognized rule that the end sometimes justifies the means.

A FOOL BILL THAT SHOULD BE BEATEN.

It is difficult to understand the underlying motives of the bill introduced in the Legislature levying a tax of three cents for county purposes and two cents for poor support, in addition to present charges, upon forest lands. We are not advised whether the tax is five cents per acre or five cents per hundred dollars valuation, but in any event it is a tax against the privilege of retaining forest land.

The preservation of our forest land is recognized as a matter of the highest importance, involving the preservation of our rainfalls and of our farming lands generally. The State is actually buying forest reservations with a view of conserving our water supplies and saving our agricultural interests from decay and ruin. There have for years past been laws on our statute books offering tax premiums to farmers and others who plant trees and care for them.

The bill proposed is diametrically opposed to the settled policy of Pennsylvania, and it should receive scant consideration and no favor whatever.

THE DANGERS OF CROWDED NICKELODEONS.

The Legislature has under consideration a law appointing inspectors whose duty it shall be to watch the moving picture shows with a view to suppressing immoral exhibitions of every sort.

It is a good law, but more important is the enforcement of the laws regulating to the safety of nickelodeons in cases of fire or panic. Few of these places of entertainment are provided with sufficient means of exit to enable the occupants of the room to escape under either condition mentioned. This is notoriously so in Connellsville, and the complaint of the authorities is better late than never.

But now that it has been made, there should be an earnest effort to remedy exisiting conditions regardless of the consequences to owners of these places of amusement. It is not right that the safety of the patrons of such places should be jeopardized by the failure of the owners and managers to provide reasonable measures of safety in case of fire.

The head of the fire department complains that these places are overcrowded. There is not so much danger from this case as from the lack of proper exits in case of fire. This is the problem to which the authorities should devote their most earnest attention.

INEXCUSABLE IGNORANCE OR CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS.

The construction of the addition to the High School building has been the subject of a great deal of controversy and some recrimination, but the startling experiences of yesterday prove pretty conclusively that the plumbing and the planning of the building were inexcusably ignorant or criminally careless.

The products of furnace combustion were freely mingled with the fresh air of the ventilating system and by the latter carried through every portion of the building. One of the products thus circulated among the children and teachers was the insidious and deadly carbon monoxide gas. The members of the School Board of Connellsville have reason to congratulate themselves that the victims of these conditions are alive today.

It is the present duty of the directors to bring to book the plumbers who installed the ventilating and heating system, and the architect who either planned such a murderous condition or so far neglected the duty of inspection as to permit it to occur. The Building Committee should likewise tell the board why its contractural chairman and members failed to see or appreciate such a menace to the safety of the pupils and teachers. The Superintendent and head teachers might also explain why, after this condition had existed for several days and the children complained of the bad air and the headaches it gave them, they did not lay the matter before the Directors generally and the members of the Building Committee particularly.

The public school system of Pennsylvania is distinctly paternal. The attendance of children is compulsory. They are forcibly torn from their parents by the State which undertakes their education up to a certain limit of intelligence deemed necessary to the public welfare. It, therefore, becomes the solemn duty of the State's paid agents, the teachers, to carefully guard the health and the morals of the children while under their care, and it is an official obligation of the School Board to dismiss from the ranks of its teachers any who neglect such duties.

We fear there are too many Ax-Grinders in the Connellsville School Board. When the next election comes the people had better see to it that a few more Nehemiahs are set upon the Wall of Reform to build a broader and higher against the invasions of Petty Interests.

THE PRIMARY WATERWORKS QUESTION.

The inquiries of the Chamber of Commerce into the advantages and disadvantages of municipal ownership of waterworks cannot fail to be interesting even if they do prove to be unattainable at this time.

The Mayor of Lebanon writes a very enthusiastic letter in favor of municipal ownership of water plants, and tells us how much that city derives in profits out of its public control of this public utility but is conspicuously fails to tell us what the water rents, rates or taxes are. He does tell us, however, that the plant is a gravity proposition with occasional pumping, so that it must be similar to Connellsville's system.

In connection with the cost of water service, it should be remembered that everything depends upon local conditions. Some municipal water service is low in cost because the cost of furnishing it is low Lebanon, for example, has no expensive filter system. Other towns have difficulty in getting a sufficient water supply at any cost during certain seasons, as for example, Greensburg.

However, all this is of secondary consideration to Connellsville citizens. The first question confronting them is whether they are able to buy the waterworks. The advisability of doing so is necessarily a matter for subsequent determination.

There is no harm in speculating on the wisdom of public ownership at the meeting tomorrow evening, but it would be well to keep in sight the first and primary proposition relating to the ability of the municipality to make the purchase. The select list of speakers should keep in mind the able directions concerning the cooking of the hare, which began like this, "First, you catch your hare."

RIGHTEOUS CONSIDERATION OF THE WATERWORKS QUESTION.

In righteous indignation Jesus Christ threw the money-changers from the Temple at Jerusalem in no gentle manner.

Since that time it has never been considered good form to mix business or politics with religion.

The Federated Bible Class of Connellsville has undertaken the solution of the waterworks question.

The Federated Bible Class of Connellsville is composed of some of our leading citizens. Its membership spells intelligence as well as righteousness.

There can be no objection to such a body taking under serious consideration a live municipal question. We are safe in assuming that the members of the bible class will deal with it in an honest and judicious manner, and that is the way the subject should be treated.

That's the way The Courier has been trying to treat it. At no time has our discussion of the waterworks question been dishonest, or unfaithful to the interests of the citizens, or foolish.

By all means let us have a sane and sensible, honest and earnest, consideration of the waterworks question by a reputable and righteous body of citizens, free from that suspicion of private gain which attached to the money-changers of Jerusalem and aroused the indignation and wrath of the Son of Man.

Let the Federated Bible Class of Connellsville sit in solemn judgment on the waterworks question, and if we may be permitted one small suggestion we would say that, if the class arrives at the conclusion that it will be wise and good for Connellsville to own its own waterworks, they will make it plain to the public how that desirable possibility may be accomplished.

Let us have no dreaming about the waterworks. Let everybody wake up. It is a real situation confronting us, not a rainbow.

THE CLEANLINESS THAT'S NEXT TO GODLINESS.

If Superintendent Charles Boyle Franks continues to make Leisenring No. 1 village attractive with bathing lakes and fascinating with roof gardens the Atlantic City excursion business is going to show a serious decline.

We heartily commend the example of Superintendent Franks to other managers of Connellsville region coke plants, and the proprietors thereof. The Frick Commission found German collieries equipped with bath houses and brought the idea back to the Connellsville region. We are pleased to see it put into practice, and we do not hesitate to say that every coke plant in the Connellsville region should be equipped with bath houses wherein the mine employes may cleanse themselves of the dust and grime of the pit before they go home to their families.

The man who keeps his body clean is likely to keep his conscience clean. The habits have an affinity for each other, hence the expression, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

WATERWORKS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS.

A bill has been introduced at Harrisburg providing that the State shall bear one-half the expense of installing sewage disposal plants in the cities and towns and villages of Pennsylvania.

When the State Health Department began to serve notices on the communities of the commonwealth to install such expensive plants, The Courier called attention to the fact that many towns would be unable to comply with the notice for the reason that the cost of the plants would exceed the Constitutional limit of their indebtedness, and that no mere enactment of the Legislature could override the Higher Law. The justice of this objection seems to have reached the halls of legislation, and this bill is an attempt to meet the situation.

Connellsville has a borrowing capacity of about $175,000, and some people think it is sufficient to buy the waterworks. They would buy the water plant and ignore the possibility of having to invest any public money in a sewage disposal plant. Other good citizens think the Act of 1907 is constitutional and that the borough may buy the water plant and issue bonds against it in excess of any other indebtedness the borough may have.

They are now gathering data as to the advantages of municipal ownership of waterworks. The point is interesting, but at present not material. The first consideration is the ability of the borough to buy the waterworks. When that problem is affirmatively solved, it will be time enough to consider the advisability of the purchase.

TAKING THE JUDGMENT FOR THE FEE

The charge against two Fayette county attorneys, that they have returned excessive and exorbitant fees for the collection of damages for foreign workmen ignorant of the language and the laws of the country is a serious one. If the allegations of the complainants are correct the enterprising attorneys didn't exactly "take the judgment for the fee," but they came mighty close to it.

Under the rules and customs of the courts, attorneys are permitted to charge very liberal fees to clients and the bench seldom interfes in this branch of the bar's business, but it has done so whenever it seemed that extortion or imposition had been practised. The difficulty usually is to get another lawyer to undertake the case of such a client, and when he does so the case is usually either very flagrant or there is behind it some personal feeling.

The presence of either or both elements in this case, and their extent, will doubtless be determined upon the hearing of the charges. It looks as if the defendants had much to explain, but The Courier will defer its judgment until all sides are fully heard.

SALVATION AND ITS MATHEMATICS.

Evangelist Billy Sunday has incorporated himself. He is now a Religious Trust, a public purveyor of saving virtues, a wholesale disseminator of salvation.

It is not apparent that the stock of The Billy Sunday Company, Incorporated, is watered; but it is known to be closely identified with the Water Wagon, and it is possibly a bit dipped or sprinkled, but judging from the careful business methods of the Reverend Billy it is unlikely that his concern is water-logged or heavily laden with preferred or common stock bonuses. It is safe to assume that the head of the firm retains a controlling interest in the company.

The dissemination of the gospel seems to be approaching a state of exact mathematical science, and the custom is not confined to evangelists, either.

The recent foreign bank failures have probably been the inspiration of a bill which has been introduced in the Legislature to regulate private banking in Pennsylvania.

Normalville is said to have arrived at the concrete stage so far at least as its sidewalks are concerned.

THE NET RESULTS OF THE WATERWORKS MEETING.

The public meeting, called under the auspices of certain officials of the Chamber of Commerce of Connellsville, and by them firmly held in control in spite of strenuous efforts on the part of the Socialist contingent to break in, was interesting in some of its features but instructive in few. All the facts brought forth last night, with the exception of those relating to the financial condition of the waterworks and the probable cost of a new system, have been exploited in the columns of The Courier, not only once but many times.

The burden of the discussion was whether it was advisable for the borough to own its own waterworks. There seemed to be some doubt on this point. The fear that municipal waterworks involve too much municipal politics was disproven by the epistolary testimony of a number of borough and city officials, and their evidence was accepted as final though it was naively admitted that they were no doubt all politicians themselves.

We fear the aquaphobists have the cart before the horse. The first question that confronts the citizens of Connellsville in connection with the proposed purchase of the waterworks is not whether it is ADVISABLE to buy them, but whether it is POSSIBLE to buy them. When we are shown that we have sufficient financial resources to make the purchase, then it is proper to consider the secondary question whether it is wise for the borough to consummate the bargain for their acquisition.

Aside from the babble of the many who talked with more ambition than information, the fact remains that THE FIRST QUESTION TO BE DETERMINED IS WHETHER THE WATERWORKS CAN BE PURCHASED; AND, IN THE EVENT OF THE REFUSAL OF THE WATER COMPANY TO SELL, WHETHER THE BOROUGH HAS A RIGHT TO BUILD ITS OWN WATER PLANT, IF IT CAN PROCURE THE MONEY FOR THIS PURPOSE

The exposition of the law in the case made at the meeting last night was merely a repetition of what has been printed in these columns recently. An act passed in 1907 and amended in 1909 provides that boroughs may take over waterworks and issue bonds against them without other security but this law does not say that in its operation boroughs may exceed that limit of indebtedness which the Constitution fixes at seven per centum of the assessed valuation. It has been stated that the Act of 1907 is unconstitutional, but that point has not been passed upon by the courts. Whether or not the law is unconstitutional it is plain that it cannot confer upon boroughs a power not given under the Constitution, and a reasonable interpretation of it is that such is not the intention. If Connellsville were able to buy the waterworks without exceeding the Constitutional limit of its indebtedness it might buy them under the plan outlined by the Act of 1907, that is by issuing water bonds in payment, bonds which would be a direct lien or mortgage against the water plant without further liability on the part of the municipality, but the Constitutionality of this limitation of liability might be a matter of serious question.

We are unable to agree with the interpretation of the Constitution made by one of the speakers, even though he is a member of the bar. He decided that the Act of 1907 was not unconstitutional because it was not unfair. Anything that is fair, he argued, is constitutional. The fairness of some things in the Constitution may be challenged, but until they are changed with the consent of a majority of the people they remain the organic law of the State, and any legislative enactment conflicting therewith is void and of no effect. Some otherwise good citizens do not seem to understand this fact. It will be remembered that a great Democratic President was once petulantly asked, "What's the Constitution between friends?"

While the Town Council will be justified in doubting whether the resolutions passed last night are the Voice of the People, they should and we have no doubt they will, give them due and proper consideration. The resolutions merely request that the Town Council take steps to ascertain whether the borough is financially able to buy the water plant; if that question is determined in the affirmative, to carefully consider whether it is advisable to operate a municipally-owned waterworks; and if this be negatived, to make the best contract possible with the water company.

If we are unable to agree with everything that was said at the water meeting last night, we are pleased to state that WE CORDIALLY APPROVE THE ONLY PRACTICAL RESULT OF THAT MEETING, WHICH IS TO SAY THE RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO; AND WE MAY ADD THAT WE TRUST THE TOWN COUNCIL WILL TAKE PROMPT ACTION IN THE MATTER

Sympathy strikes are sentimental and unsaving

As the condition precedent to the arbitration of the Westmoreland county mining troubles it might be well to cease the common custom of planting dynamite sticks under the dwelling houses of non-union miners. The constant planning of wholesale murder has not improved the cause of the Westmoreland strikers. It never improves any cause.

Slush funds are sure to besmirch the politicians who get into them.

When the Union Pacific was built the Government was lavish. With its loans and land grants, chiefly because a number of Congressmen were interested in the construction company which built the road, yet it was at the time in the nature of a national undertaking and public assistance was necessary to its successful completion. The only mistake the government made was in giving the railroad any land grants. It would have been better if it had given them more credit. But land was cheap then and it seemed the easy way. Now the Government is inclined to take some of the land back. If the railroad has not complied with the conditions of its grant, the land is certainly revertible, but not otherwise.

The Pennsylvania judges get a raise in salary. Most of them earn it

Colonel Fulton, coke operator, capitalist and counsellor-at-law, once inclined to be a Democrat and a politician, now an enthusiastic convert to the seductions of socialism and the pessimism of Progressiveness, makes a specialty of sandwiching his dogmas in the dinner courses of his distressed fellow-operators. There is only one ground upon which he is excusable. He doesn't bring up disagreeable matters until after dinner.

The steel cable of the slope mine is sometimes a snake that coils with deadly embrace.

The proposition of a Harrisburg Solon to abolish the custom of the Constables making alleged returns to the Quarter Sessions Courts is worthy of approval. It is a relic of a past age, dating back to the days of Richard I, he of the Lion Heart but little head for government. If we would advance, there is no reason why we should cling to the customs of 800 years ago.

The Underwriters meet this week in Connellsville, and we will hope they will take some steps to put a stop to the over-rating of Connellsville insurance.

County Superintendent Lewellyn seems to have his job clinched

The public school system of Pennsylvania is distinctly paternal, and to a certain degree it is properly so, but many real parents will seriously object to their children being placed under the medical direction of a common school doctor who in many cases will be chosen for his "political pull" rather than his practical knowledge of medicine

Morgantown comes to the front with a wholesale fish store. Morgantown is not so large, but her citizens, and especially her editors, keep an open eye and a receptive mind on extraneous events calculated to advertise the town.

Jumonville gives promise of remaining an educational center

It is perhaps natural for things to boom on Dry Hill but it is nevertheless unfortunate

The assumption that all Harrisburg legislation which may possibly have a bearing on Fayette county politics is inspired by Fayette county politicians is somewhat strained. The Republican party of Fayette county would be stronger and better if its leaders would cease the habit of suspecting each other of all manner of evil

The annual report of the Chamber of Commerce of Uniontown is ebullitive as well as hopeful. While there is hope there is life.

The B & O is feeling the effects of industrial stagnation

The Interstate Commerce Commission seems to be doing a great deal of business. The initiative of the Western Pennsylvania coal and coke operators seems to have provoked a large crop of other Referendums

Penrose became the leader of the Senate none too soon. His tact and ability were never more seriously needful to his party's success.

Parental government is running wild; it should stand pat until the plain people get breath.

The Pittsburg coal district still has reason to be thankful that it is situated at the head of river navigation.

President Taft did six dinners in two days on the occasion of his recent visit to New York, and he didn't carry any dyspepsia tablets with him, either. It has been said, "The Stomach is the Seat of Empire" and it is doubtless true; but it is also true that a great brain usually sits upon a good stomach. The plain and simple real people may have a keen intellect, but it is always more or less distorted by his physical infirmities.

West Virginia timber tracts were so undesirable for a long period after the war that few of them paid any taxes. Now those interested in them are not only eager to pay the taxes, but they are actually coming out upon the lands in the effort to create further proof of possession The next move will probably be to fortify the lands.

Meyersdale wants a detachment of State Constabulary to regulate its Undesirable Citizens who have arrived via the Western Maryland and Sand Patch tunnel improvements. Perhaps if Meyersdale, which is profiting considerably by the advent of its railroad activities and their employment, will employ another policeman or two it will be able to preserve its peace and dignity without the aid of the State Constabulary.

It looks as if the Madero family had started something in Mexico which it can't stop, and the matter gives us pause. Perhaps this mercurial characteristic of the Mexican race is what makes it necessary to have a Diaz

Eugene Debs is a man of charming manner and winning eloquence, and he has done much to make Socialism as a theory of government popular. Socialism such as Debs preaches is ideal, but until the human race has become purged from all moral imperfections the ideal will remain a dream.

To walk on the railroad track is dangerous, but to sleep upon it is death.

Regular boarders at the City Hall are very properly discouraged by the borough authorities. Lavish hospitality encourages undesirable guests to stay overtime.

The rebating on ore discovered by the Cleveland sleuths seems to be an ancient and established practise which has been abandoned.

President Diaz announces that he will quit the job when he gets ready. That will perhaps have to meet the views of the Revolutionists In the meantime, it is asserted in some quarters that Washington is nervous. It is pretty hard to understand what Washington would be nervous about.

Looking Backward.

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier.

Friday, May 6, 1881.

The West Newton Press wants the Town Council to enforce the obsolete ordinance calling for a watchman at the railroad crossing on the principal street of the place, but the Town Council turns a deaf ear to the demand.

Pleasant Unity, over in Westmoreland county has an oil boom on. Operations have started on the farm of Dr. Brinker.

It is estimated the construction of the proposed B. & O. branch to the Morrell coke works will cost $50,000.

The eastbound B. & O. express one night recently made the 15 mile run between Pittsburg and McKeesport in 15 minutes.

J. E. Cord, a representative of R. A. Sanford & Co., of Baltimore, arrived here Monday to assume temporary charge of their store at this place.

R. V. Rittenour was elected County Superintendent to succeed W. H. Cooke.

The Sampsel Baseball club will meet at the South House Saturday to reorganize for the present season.

An average of 102 inmates in the County Home is shown in the annual report of the Poor Directors.

Buck shooting on the Yough river has become hazardous for innocent bystanders. A charge of buckshot entered the window of C. M. Serpell's home and narrowly missed some of the inmates.

A musical concert, participated in by several musicians of no mean ability was given at the merchant tailoring establishment of H. C. Horner in honor of the advent of a 10 pound bouncing baby boy.

Friday, May 5, 1891.

Coke production still shows the effects of the strike. Production was 37,160 tons from 4,311 ovens out of 16,17[illegible]. Shipments were 1,883 cars a gain of almost 300 over the week previous.

The first victim of the strike in Fayette county was a Hungarian shot dead in an encounter with deputies at Leisenring No. 3.

The Wheeling & Connellsville railroad is trying to sell $500,000 bonds to Wheeling people.

The distribution of B. & O. coke cars is turned over to the Connellsville yardmaster. A. E. Stonick, instead of being distributed among yardmasters and dispatchers at various Pittsburg division points.

A spirited contest between P. S. Newmyer and George R. Kaine for the Presidency of the Yough Bridge Company brings every share of stock to vote and results in Newmyer's election.

The position of Fire Chief Marshal made vacant by the death of Marl C. McCormick has been filled by the election of William McCormick.

The Connellsville Cadets to the number of 50, will go into camp at Mt. Vernon near Mt. Pleasant, June 20, and remain in camp ten days.

"Preacher" Dunn came home on Monday from Pittsburg, where she had been attending school at the Pittsburg Female College, which was destroyed by fire Tuesday night.

T. D. Mason and Charles Millard are making a bicycle tour to Greensburg, New Castle, Freeport and return.

We are requested to announce the sudden death of John Duggan's old black horse, which came literally dead in the harness at Rhotrock's Island a few days ago, and to announce that Hon. Wm. B. Trump will receive subscriptions for a monument over the old veteran's remains."

Rev. A. R. Seaman will address the graduating class of the public school on Sunday in Newmyer's Opera House.

Friday, May 10, 1901.

Coke production for the week totaled 218,627 tons from 19,819 ovens out of 21,447. Shipments aggregated 10,921 cars an increase of 387 over the previous week

Councilman W. H. Hugus enlivens long and tiresome meeting of Town Council by protesting against the promiscuous purchase of supplies by the various departments.

The School Board begins legal steps to recover the land the previous board donated for the Carnegie Free Library.

Hiles R. Bosworth, George Louden and James Gayley retire from the Board of Directors of the H. C. Frick Coke Company and are succeeded by O. W. Kennedy, William C. Magee and Philip Keller

Commencement exercises are held by the New Haven public schools. The graduates were Miss Mandolin Smith, Miss Sarah E. Rix, Miss Florence O'Connor, Miss Mary E. Bosley, John Duggan and Arthur B. King.

Ezra Thomas and Frank Frater are killed and two others injured when defective boiler near Markleysburg explodes.

J. A. Nixon is awarded the contract for constructing the Carnegie Free Library.

The valuation of Connellsville for 1901 totals $2,269,870, a gain over the previous assessment of $250,120.

The old First National Bank building is being razed to make room for a new business block.

Mrs. J. B. Frost arrived here from Baltimore to join her husband, J. B. Frost, trainmaster of the Fairmont division.

Barton Stillwagon, Charles Bishop, Harry McCormick, Norris Dawson and August Drum were special policemen on show day.

The congregation of the St. John's German Lutheran church are erecting a frame school building in the rear of its lot in the Fourth Ward which will be used as a place of worship while the new church is being built.

C. L. Mentzer is elected superintendent of the Connellsville & Suburban railway and the Heat & Power Company, succeeding the late William Henderson.

Constables C. M. Fee, A. J. Bowie and John Murphy were here from Uniontown show day keeping a sharp lookout for flim-flammers.

Kell Long is raising his usual crop on the vacant lot where the old locomotive works formerly stood in New Haven. This year, however, it is sweet instead of rye.

"Jock" Menefee, formerly of Dawson and well known in Connellsville when he played his first ball, is holding up his end well for the Chicago Nationals.

Through cars between Uniontown and Connellsville are promised by June 15 on the Pittsburg, McKeesport & Connellsville railway.

Trout fishing is said to be better this year than for many seasons past.

NEW CLUB ROOMS

Of the Knights of Columbus Will Be Opened Next Tuesday.

On next Tuesday evening Youghiogheny Council No. 948, Knights of Columbus, will open its new club rooms on the fifth floor of the Title & Trust building with a large reception and dance, the hours being from 8:30 until 2 o'clock. Music will be furnished by Kiferle's orchestra.

A large number of invitations are out and a number of visiting knights will be present. The affair promises to be one of the most brilliant and largest social function held here for some time.

NY STUDENTS OVERCOME BY NOXIOUS FUMES OF ESCAPING GAS

ied Into Rooms Through Ventilating System of the High School Monday Morning.

J TEACHERS TAKEN ILL

arly a Dozen Abou High School Fainted and But Few Escaped Entirely the Effects of the Near Tragedy—School Is Dismissed.

Two teachers and nearly a dozen gh School students were overme by gas fumes in the High school building at 10 0 Monday and half a hundred others were made so ill they had to be taken hom Scarcely a student in High School entirely escaped the effects of the fumes School was dismissed shortly before 11 o clock, as soon as the faculty became aware o' the seriousness of the situation. Those overcome

MISS EMMA NOYES BRODT, teacher in High School
MISS BEATRICE FORNWALT, student
MISS MARY M CONNELL, student
MISS ANNA MARY MARSHALL, student
MISS JEAN GALLAGHER student.
MISS LETIE FELTON, student.
ROBERT SMITH student
MISS LENA ZUFALL, teacher in High School
MISS GERTRUDE REID student, fainted after school was dismissed
MISS MARGARET LEDY, student, overcome after leaving the building and taken to office of Dr E C Sherrick.
MISS DOROTHY RUSSELL, student
MISS GERTRUDE LINDSAY, student

The first report was that natural gas caused the trouble, but this was quickly abandoned Those who smelled the odor declared it did *not* seem like natural gas Sewer gas is supposed to have caused the trouble although the odor did not particularly resemble ordinary sewer gas, either Some of the School Directors are inclined to credit the theory that a pocket of gas in an abandoned mine might have reached a sewer pipe and been carried to the building where the suction of the ventilating fan drew it into the ducts

Employes of the Fayette County Gas Company were unable to locate any leaks in their lines By noon all traces of the gas had disappeared although at no time could it be located on the lower floor of the High School building *Throughout the down town* district this morning gas fumes were noticeable in some places being particularly strong

This afternoon Architect McCollum and a representative of Baker Smith & Co who installed the ventilating system will reach Connellsville and with several member of the School Board, will conduct a thorough investigation Every effort will be made to locate if possible the point that the gas gained access to the ventilating ducts

The deadly gas fumes permeated every room in the building the cause of the trouble had not been located up to noon although the odor of gas could be detected throughout the entire neighborhood It is said that leaking gas has been noticed since last Friday but did not become sufficiently serious to cause apprehension The theory of the faculty on this morning's near approach to a tragedy is that the gas in some manner reached the ventilating ducts and was fanned into the class room

The trouble was serious Some of the students were so badly overcome that they did not regain consciousness for more than an hour after the accident Physicians were summoned to the building likewise the city bus and automobiles Most of the pupils overcome were taken home by Driver Edgar Wilke while others were removed in automobiles of physicians who were summoned

The effects of the gas came in the usual manner the first indication of the serious nature of the affair being when the children began to collapse Principal Bruce L P Cobaugh had a class in the chemical abratory which was not reached by the fumes Immediately upon being informed that several students had collapsed he ordered school dismissed

There was a mild panic among the pupils The sight of the fainting students caused the more nervous ones among the others to become somewhat hysterical A number of other teachers narrowly escaped being overcome either from the effects of the gas or from working over the unconscious pupils

Scores of pupils were made ill from the effects of the leaking gas although they retained consciousness Drs H I Coll and Thomas R Francis responded to requests for medical attention at the High School

Several other pupils are reported to have been taken ill upon reaching home while one girl fainted on Pittsburg street at Feather man's furniture store and had to be taken home in an automobile

Burgess Evans J A Armstrong of the School Board and representatives of the Fayette County Gas Company began an investigation into the cause of the trouble as soon as it was reported Up to noon they were unable to locate the leak John Patterson in charge of the heating and ventilating apparatus in the High School building was unable to cast any light on the matter He stated that he did not know where the gas could reach the ventilating ducts As [redacted] trouble was detected [redacted] off Patterson today had gas only in one boiler, generating steam for the low pressure engine operating the ventilating apparatus No gas could be detected in the boiler room or on the lower floor of the building On the main and second floors every room was filled with the noxious fumes

Principal Cobaugh directed the students to return for this afternoon's session but if the trouble has not been located by that time there will be no school

Owing to the fact that the ventilating system is supposed to fill all the rooms with pure air and at the same time exhaust the impure atmosphere the windows of the school were closed When the gas entered the rooms the effects were sudden and sweeping Windows were quickly opened and the rush of fresh air had a tendency to revive those who had not yet collapsed

Miss Margaret Lyon was one of those who fainted after leaving the building She with several others including Miss Beatrice Fornwalt was taken into the office of Dr E C Sherrick on South Pittsburg street Dr Sherrick is absent from town Dr Francis making use of the reception room to administer aid to the victims A crowd of several hundred students gathered in front of the office and watched the locked door apprehensively Dr Francis stated that none of the victims was in a serious condition and expected to revive them as quickly as possible

Sick headaches are the general rule among the students today Scarcely one who was in the rooms filled with fumes escaped in this respect It is reported that several girls collapsed as late as an hour after school had been dismissed

Miss Lena Zufall teacher in English had to be taken home in an automobile

It is not unlikely that an investigation will be conducted by the School Board into the matter In one of the rooms there was a mild rebellion before school was dismissed The faith in the ventilating system held by the teacher in charge was not entertained by the pupils Miss Elizabeth Geuas one of the students left the room after the teacher had it is claimed refused to have the windows opened believing that the ventilating system would carry the fumes out quicker than in any other manner It is said the teachers action in this matter was guided largely by the belief that the gas fumes were coming from the outside of the building

At the High School building it was stated that every teacher was prompt in opening the windows The incident quoted above was declared a "false report by members of the faculty

Miss Mary McConnell and Miss Beatrice Fornwalt were probably the most seriously ill When Miss Fornwalt was taken from her seat she was unconscious and it was feared a fatality would be recorded She was taken to the office and seated before an open window while Miss Trunal, Professor Smith and others of the faculty and students worked diligently to revive her She became conscious upon the arrival of Dr Coll and was able to make her way to Dr Francis automobile and be taken home It was reported that Miss McConnell did not regain consciousness until sometime during the afternoon

Carbon monoxide gas coming from the furnace that was in operation at the new High School building Monday caused the near tragedy which resulted in two teachers being overcome a dozen students rendered unconscious and almost half the school made ill from the effects of inhaling the fumes The poisoned ventilation was made possible primarily through carelessness during the installation of the heating system which consisted in failing to close an aperture through which an exhaust pipe entered the stack from the boilers and partly through fault of the school authorities in failing to realize the gravity of the situation when the gas was first noticed It happened because the [redacted] ize oil filters in the cold air chamber had not been properly cleaned and did not afford a free suction When the resistance through the screens became so great the suction formed by the fan found less resistance from the four inch opening in the chimney and drew the gaseous fumes into the ventilating ducts, carrying them into every room in the building

Members of the School Board and others connected with the schools are congratulating themselves that the affair serious as it was did not result fatally There were several narrow escapes but today all the victims are reported recovering rapidly

The most serious case was that of Miss Daisy Belle Irvin, daughter of Mr and Mrs S T Irvin of North Pittsburg street

Had not more fortunate results from the foul and carbon monoxide gas is regarded as most deadly although non explosive it is certain a storm of criticism tremendous and general in its condemnation would have been directed at not only the contractors but members of the School Board and the faculty There is a tendency to criticise the faculty for its failure to take action until the matter had become so serious as to cause teachers and students to become unconscious For the past two weeks and even longer, students have complained of headaches Friday afternoon a number of them were on the verge of collapse It is true the cause was then a mystery but it is argued that the difficulty could have been located as easily Friday afternoon as on Monday

Engineer John Patterson and Principal Cobaugh Friday afternoon went through the basement in search of escaping gas but could find none On Saturday and Sunday Engineer Patterson continued his search for the trouble but to no avail There was *no trace of gas in the building* Borough Superintendent S P Vishe issued orders at 9 o clock yesterday morning to have the windows raised, although ventilating engineers who installed the present system argue again this claiming one open window will impair the efficiency of the apparatus In some of the rooms the *order to raise windows was obeyed* in others, it is stated on the word of many pupils it was not

Monday afternoon Architect Dowler of the firm which designed the building and a representative of Baker Smith & Company the heating contractors, inspected the building President C W Gallagher and Chairman J C Armstrong of the committee which had in charge the construction of the building together with J C Munson of the Frazier Lumber Company general contractors on the new addition recompanied the Pittsburg men The heating representative blamed the entire trouble on the condition of the screen *used as air filters. Dust and* grime had accumulated to such an extent that the influx of fresh air was seriously impaired The heating engineer expressed wonder that the fan could work against such resistance Chairman Armstrong Engineer Patterson and others declared they were never instructed by the *heating company regarding the cleaning* of these screens which are placed where there is no travel Engineer Patterson immediately began clearing the screens a vacuum cleaner being secured for the purpose by Secretary Bert F Thomas of the School Board Director R O Thomas then pointed out the opening in the chimney which enabled the waste fumes from the furnace to be drawn into the fresh air compartment This was immediately closed and a recurrence of the incident is regarded impossible In the future the gauze screens will be kept cleaned and replaced when they become too filthy

The matter will likely be subject for discussion at the next meeting of the School Board Two directors heretofore regarded as strictly organization members declared Monday the public should know the exact conditions as they were found They gave a plain statement of the affair, but there was no disposition on the part of any of the School Board officers to conceal the facts Chairman Armstrong this morning outlined the situation Director James S Darr took the morning off from his work today and made an independent investigation Directors John J Buttermore and C H Bidsley went over the building this morning also Yesterday afternoon Directors W W Smith C W Hays and A W Bishop were present as was Secretary Thomas for a time

MATTHEWS CAUGHT.

Nabbed By Constable Roland On An Old Warrant

Much excitement was aroused for a short time on Brimstone corner Monday evening about 5 o'clock when Constable William Roland of Dunbar township assisted by Jim Ward arrested Frank Matthews on a charge made by Jennie Norman of Vanderbilt The information was made seven months ago Since that time Constable Roland has had the warrant for the arrest of Matthews He had been given a good description of the man the best means of identification being, a red spot on the end of his nose

While walking near Brimstone corner Constable Roland saw Matthews and while reading to him the warrant for his arrest Matthews tried to make his escape Constable Roland caught hold of his necktie and the man jerked away He was just about to make his escape through the crowd when Jim Ward grabbed him Matthews was taken to the coal police station and kept until Tuesday when he was taken to Vanderbilt by Constable Roland and was given a hearing before Squire McLaughlin The prosecutor in the case was present and the case was immediately settled Matthews has formerly employed at the tin plate mill at South Connellsville and after the information was made Matthews went to Clark Long W Va and recently returned to Connellsville

BERRIEN SEAMAN.

South Connellsville Boy Dies After Illness of Year

J C Berrien Seaman aged 22 eight months and 21 days died yesterday at 6 o'clock at his late home on Pulaski street South Connellsville Deceased had been in poor health for the past year and had been confined to his bed for several weeks preceding his death Mr Seaman was a son of Rev A F and Mrs Ida Seaman of South Connellsville and was born in West Virginia He attended Adrian College at Adrian Mich and was compelled to give up his studies on account of poor health He was employed as foreman at the Jackson Automobile works at Jackson Mich

Deceased was well and favorably known in this and Connellsville In addition to his parents he is survived by one sister Mrs Hazel May Murphy of Willow Murphy of South Connellsville Funeral services will be held from the home of Mrs Seaman's father Truman Atwood Funeral services will be held from the residence of Mrs Joseph Dixon Pittsburg street Connellsville Interment will be made in Connellsville cemetery

CONNECTIONS ARE MADE WITH B. & O.

Improvements Costing $42,000 are Started at Indian Creek.

NEW DEPOT IS GOING UP

There Will Be New Yards, Another Bridge Built and Larger Interlocking Plant Installed—Through Rates on I C V. Railroad

All negotiations between the Indian Creek Valley and Baltimore & Ohio railroads have been successfully concluded and a traffic agreement reached between the two corporations As a consequence better accommodations are promised Indian Creek Valley patrons during the coming summer A round trip Sunday excursion rate of $1 2 from Pittsburg has been agreed upon The rate from Connellsville has not been settled owing to the road Instrument of eastern passenger rates by the Baltimore & Ohio until the rates have been definitely settled the round trip rate for Sunday excursions from Connellsville to Indian Park will be 60 cents President Charles F Hood of the Indian Creek Valley railroad is endeavoring to have the Sunday rate from Connellsville for both effective week days during the season during May 1 to October 1

Improvements [illegible] have been started at Indian Creek Extensive [illegible] construction of new yards and new [illegible] will be made at the north [illegible] Extensive [illegible] will also be made to the present passenger station at Indian Creek

The old main line of the B & O will be used to all passenger trains [illegible] B & O Indian Creek Valley road The split will begin work [illegible] station and [illegible] bridge [illegible] construction [illegible] the parts in the [illegible] Indian Creek Valley [illegible] connections at Indian Creek with [illegible] Ohio & Southern [illegible] from Connellsville [illegible] Indian Creek [illegible] park will [illegible] park with all [illegible] [illegible] the new improvements [illegible] Indian Creek will [illegible] joints by the two railroads

MRS. MARGARET NICHOLS

Wife of J L Nichols Died early Wednesday Morning

Mrs Margaret Nichols wife of J L Nichols well known [illegible] motorman died Wednesday [illegible] late home in Mt Pleasant [illegible] ward following [illegible] cancer Mrs Nichols [illegible] the past year or [illegible] [illegible] and had been confined to her bed for several weeks preceding her death Her condition was [illegible] Her husband was [illegible] with [illegible] present [illegible] Greensburg [illegible] condition [illegible] Early Wednesday morning [illegible] death was [illegible]

Mrs Nichols [illegible] and was well known [illegible] and was a regular [illegible] Lodge at the time of her death Besides her husband she is survived by one sister Mrs Hazel May Murphy of Willow Murphy of South Connellsville Funeral services will be held from the residence of Mrs Joseph Dixon Pittsburg street Connellsville Interment will be made in Connellsville cemetery

SURCHARGES MADE

Against County Commissioners in Report of the Auditors

The Fayette county auditors report [illegible] Uniontown Yesterday [illegible] that approximately $4,000 is surcharged against the county commissioners They are surcharged an amount which may exceed $1,700 on four county bridges on moneys alleged to have been paid to the contracting firm of Nelson & Purviance for the bridges A surcharge of $400 is for moneys alleged to have been paid D C McCullough engineer who prepared plans work and concrete for the bridge

The auditors assert the commissioners paid the contractors more money than was due them The second measurement under the direction of the auditors showed a smaller amount of work and material than is said to have been reported by McCullough

The commissioners are also surcharged $100 alleged [illegible] been paid to Peter A Johns sheriff for the keeping of prisoners

APPROPRIATIONS

Passed Favorably On For the Fayette County Hospitals

It looks as though the hospitals of Fayette and Westmoreland counties are to receive the considerations to which they are entitled by the present legislature Should the appropriation bills introduced at yesterday session pass the Uniontown Hospital will receive an appropriation of $45,000 the Cottage state hospital $1,000 the Mount Pleasant Memorial $1,000 and the Westmoreland hospital $1,000

Such a good report on the condition of all the hospitals was made by the recent investigating committee that the demands of the trustees were not questioned As the institutions have competent superintendents and a most excellent corps of nurses and the results from [illegible] are very gratifying

Delegates Chosen

Sunday [illegible] the [illegible] gation of the First Baptist church [illegible] Rev P H [illegible] the pastor Chief [illegible] L V Mitchell Dawson North Connellsville Mrs Joseph Dixon and Jacob Stillwagon as alternate to attend the annual meeting of the Baptist Church [illegible] Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday [illegible] Uniontown

Captain Kidd Gets Off

Captain A R Kidd of Company D left Sunday for a 10 days trip to the army maneuvers in Texas

Cash Mail Order Feed Mills

Just try a sack of Mail Order Flour with your next order If you are not satisfied with it I will return your money and it won't cost you a cent

MAIL ORDER FLOUR . $1 30 Large Sack, or $5 00 Barrel

Just give me a trial order and I will convince you. Every feed consumer in the county should compare my prices with competitors prices, and then spend his money where he can buy the most and best feeds for the money.

Corn per bushel	65c	Red Dog (Middlings) 100 lbs	$1 60
Oats, per bushel	43c	White Winter Wheat Middlings, 100 lbs	$1.50
Wheat, per bushel	$1 00	Cotton Seed Meal (41% protein) 100 lbs	$1.70
Pure Corn Chop, per 100 lbs	$1 20	Alfalfa Meal, 100 lbs	$1.30
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ATTORNEYS EXPLAIN

Reason Full Amount Has Not Been Paid Clients in Coal Suits

[illegible] suits were brought against the New [illegible] Coal Company [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SERIOUS CHARGES ARE MADE AGAINST TWO MEMBERS OF BAR.

Attorney E. D. Fulton Files Sensational Petition in Court Before Judge Umbel This Morning.

PATTERSON AND BROWNFIELD

Charged With Not Turning Over to Their Clients Their Share of Money Awarded Them in Suits Against the Fayette County Gas Company Charges in the Petition Denied by Morning

Sensational and damaging charges which may result in the disbarring of two prominent attorneys of the Fayette county bar if not proved to be false were made in open court before Judge R. E Umbel at Uniontown Tuesday when Attorney E D Fulton presented a petition on behalf of Frank and Julia Martin Frank Suter Vince Klasek and Gertie Bodnair asking for a rule against Attorneys Lee B Brownfield and George Patterson to pay over to the petitioners $6 869 of $8 000 00 paid by the Fayette County Gas Company in settlement of damage suits brought by the five petitioners The five damage suits were settled without a trial and it is alleged, Attorneys Brownfield and Patterson, who represented the Martins, Suter, Klasik and Bodnair as plaintiffs collected the $8,000 00 and gave to their clients only $1 131 00 It is also alleged that Samuel Goldstein an interpreter, who took the five plaintiffs to Attorneys Brownfield and Patterson received $100 of the $1 131 00 leaving only $1 031 00 of the $8 000 00 in the hands of the persons for whom it was intended

Attorney Patterson was in court this morning when Attorney Fulton presented the petition He went up to he counsel's table and at the conclusion of the reading asked the court of he might make a statement The request was granted Attorney Patterson denied the charges in the petition He said his clients or some of them would testify differently from the allegations of the petition He also asked concession to permit Attorney Brownfield and himself to file an answer before the hearing which was set for 10 o'clock Saturday morning without issuing a rule This request was also granted In conclusion Attorney Patter on stated that he really was only associate counsel in the cases indicating that if there really was any blame to be placed it should not be on him

The petition alleges

1 That on or about December 24 1909 petitioners above named resided in a house of James R Gray William W Parshall and G N Harah at Purintar Works Fayette county Pennsylvania

2 That petitioners Frank Martin and Julia Martin his wife were the lessees of said building while other petitioners were boarders in the said Martin family

3 That on or about December 24 1909 an explosion of gas occurred in said house which resulted in the serious injury of the said Martin and his wife the death of their minor child the loss of some property belonging to them and other petitioners were also seriously burned shocked and otherwise injured

4 Petitioners having been so as aforesaid seriously injured and damaged sought legal redress for said injuries and the said Martin acting for himself and the other petitioners went to Uniontown for the purpose of procuring redress for their injuries as aforesaid

5 That while so engaged he met one Goldstein an alleged interpreter who informed him the said Martin that it would be necessary to employ attorneys to pursue his legal remedies whereupon the said Goldstein took him to the offices of Lee B Brownfield Esq and George Patterson Esq where he the said Martin stated the facts of the said explosion to the said Brownfield and Patterson

6 Thereupon the said Brownfield and Patterson advised them that they had a cause of action for their said injuries against the Fayette County Gas Company the company from whose lines the gas causing the said explosion, is alleged to have escaped

7 That thereupon your petitioners employed the said attorneys Brownfield and Patterson to proceed against the said Fayette County Gas Company to recover damages for the injuries aforesaid and authorized them to bring suit or suits necessary to recover damages for the injuries aforesaid

8 That on the 16th day of April 1910 the said Brownfield and Patterson entered suit for each of your said petitioner in the court of Common Pleas of Fayette county Pennsylvania at Nos 238 239 240 and 241 June term 1910 against the said Fayette County Gas Company wherein damages were claimed in behalf of said Suter in the sum of $10 000 in behalf of said Bodnair in the sum of $10 000 in behalf of said Klacsik in the sum of $20 000 and in behalf of said Frank Martin and Julia Martin in the sum of $ 0,000

9 That said suits were so proceeded with that they were on the list of cases to be tried in the said court for the week beginning on Monday March —, 1910

10 That your petitioners had furnished to the said attorneys the names of witnesses who would testify to the facts of the said explosion and had directed that subpoenas be served upon such witnesses

11 That prior to the day when said cases were listed for trial petitioners were notified that it would no be necessary to appear with their witnesses at the time set or trial as they, the said attorneys had agreed upon a settlement with the Fayette County Gas Company

12 That the terms and condition of such settlement were not discussed with petitioners nor with either of them but were made by the said attorneys upon their own authority and responsibility

13 That when petitioners came to the offices of the said attorneys for the purpose of closing up the matter, they inquired of the said attorneys what sums of money they had received from the said Fayette County Gas company in settlemen of the said cases whereupon the said Brownfield and the said Patterson failed neglected and refused to disclose to them the full amount received by them and answered your petitioners inquiries in that matter evasively and in a manner calculated to lead petitioners to believe that they had received only a small sum in settlement as aforesaid

14 That the said Brownfield and Patterson representing to your petitioners that they were paying to your petitioners such sums as were due them out of the settlement the aforesaid and that they the said Brownfield and Patterson were retaining for themselves only a reasonable fee paid over to the petitioners as the full sum to which they were entitled out of said settlement the following amounts

To petitioners Frank Martin and Julia Martin $515 to Petitioner Gertie Bodnair $76 to Petitioner Vince Klacsik $440 making a total paid to your petitioners of $1 131

Out of this sum you petitioners were required to pay to said Goldstein the interpreter aforesaid who took them to the said Brownfield and Patterson the sum of $100 Leaving a net total of money received by your petitioners for the injuries aforesaid of $1 031

15 Since receiving the said sums of money from said Brownfield and Patterson in full settlement of said cases your petitioners have been reliably informed that the said Brownfield and Patterson had received from said Fayette County Gas Company in settlement of the cases of their clients your petitioners the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8 000 00) and that said Brownfield and Patterson concealing from your petitioners the fact that they had received this sum deceived your petitioners in making the payments as aforesaid set out and fraudulently and with intent to deceive your petitioners retained unto themselves the difference between the said sum of $8 000 00 so received by them and the sum of $1 131 00 as paid over to your petitioners, to wit, the sum of $6 869 That the conduct of the said Brownfield and Patterson toward your petitioners was not in good faith that they did not with good conscience represent the interests of their clients your petitioners and the deception practiced upon your petitioners in the handling of the moneys by the said attorneys colored for their clients your petitioners was fraudulent unconscionable in bad faith in violation of the duty and obligation existing between attorne and client to greatly to the injury and prejudice of the rights of your petitioner

REV. G. H. FLYNN

Well Known Minister of M E Church Dies at Turtle Creek

Rev George H Flynn one of the most widely known ministers in the Pittsburg conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died Monday at 8 o'clock at his late home at Turtle Creek following a weeks illness of pneumonia Rev Flynn is well known in Connellsville and the announcemat of his death came as a great shock to his many relatives and friends here He was born in Boston Mass and was pastor of the Ohiopyle and Confluence Methodist Episcopal churches for several years He also was pastor at one time of the Coal Center Star Junction Carnegie and Canonsburg churches and at the time of his death was pastor of the Turtle Creek Methodist Episcopal church having been appointed to the charge last fall Rev Flynn had frequently occupied the pulpit of the local Methodist Episcopal church

Rev Flynn married Miss Laura Kate Davis, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Solomon Davis of Connellsville To the union three children were born two of whom survive In addition to his widow and two children S B and Helena he is survived by one sister Miss Lida Flynn and one brother Edward Flynn, of Boston

SAT ON TRACK.

Tramp Makes Good His Threat to Be Killed by the Cars.

While sitting on the B & O tracks at Stewarton, Pa on Saturday afternoon Michael Kiestian a foreigner was struck and instantly killed by B & O train No 14 He was sitting near a curve and his body was not discovered until after the accident Kiestian was arrested on last Wednesday night by Officers Joseph O'Bryon and P M Rulli for insisting on sleeping on the West Penn tracks Kiestian's actions were very peculiar and at the time of his arrest he was thought to be insane

The body was brought to Connellsville and was removed to Funeral Director J E Sims' undertaking rooms and prepared for burial Coroner H J Bell was notified of the death An inquest was not necessary Kiestian is survived by a wife and several children in the old country He was 36 years old

BACK ON JOB

M. A Coffee Returns to Duty After Attack of Pneumonia

Superintendent of Transportation M A Coffey was at his desk this morning for the first time in several weeks He is just recovering from a serious illness from pleura pneumonia

Mr Coffey came back on the job in time to wrestle with the hefty transportation problem involved by the visit of Barnum & Bailey's circus to Greensburg Wednesday and Uniontown Thursday

Home From Fishing Trip

Dr T H White is home from a fishing trip at Friendsville Md Owing to the coolness of the weather he fished only for a half day and in that time caught 72 trout the largest of which measured 14 inches and the smallest 9 inches.

CRIMINAL COURT.

About 150 Cases Listed in Westmoreland For May Term

GREENSBURG May 9—The May criminal court list featured with five charges of extortion and one of misdemeanor et cetera against Sheriff John E Shields and six murder cases was begun before Judges L W Doty and A D McConnell Monday morning One hundred and forty six cases are listed but a few more than that will pass through the court they being added after the making up of the schedule

Monday morning's work consisted mainly of minor cases the instruction of the Grand Jury and the receiving of the Constables returns and the handing down of a few decisions on matters

George Eyring clerk of this city was appointed foreman of the Grand Jury when that body was instructed by Judge Doty at the opening of court Sixteen of the 24 chosen reported for work they being W B Brinker Mt Pleasant township James Baker, North Huntingdon township John Bridge Unity township Frank Chambers Unity township George Eyring Greensburg C F Kurtz Donegal J D Kelley Scottdale H M Kissel Ligonier township Alex Mench Hempfield township D M Mancher Ligonier C J McKeen Greensburg J W McKown Salem township Andy Rumbaugh Mt Pleasant township Robert Sheerden Ligonier township W P Stillwagon West Newton L H Young Smithton

Judge McConnell received the Constables returns they appearing before him

The aggravated assault and battery case of Steve Pilinsky against Steve Hrizo of Latrobe was the first action taken up coming before Judge Doty It was alleged by Pilinsky that Hrizo had beaten him but the jury found the man not guilt The costs were however divided

Edith Fultz of Monessen was prosecutrix of Clarence Koontz married in a charge of fornication and bastardy in the second suit before Judge Doty She alleged that through relations by Koontz with her while she served a domestic in the Koontz home she is the mother of a child to be born

The prosecution in the most of the morning Miss Fultz was attacked strongly by the defense One she was asked if she had been in a house of ill repute in Pittsburg a this The fact was admitted Koontz was in court accompanied by his wife and one child Each of the children

An assault and battery suit by Clarence W Shepherd against Dr J H Hollings of Irwin was the Judge McCormick heard a motion to strike off an appeal from a decision of Justice of the Peace Hostetter of this city The motion was overruled and the case will go to trial at the next session of court

The application for the sale of the Greensburg Distilling Company's stock in the hands of the receiver was withdrawn upon motion The application for the same was granted the other companies

Ex-Chief of Police Joseph Bruno of this city was appointed by the watchmen for the Fearnette Glass Company

Jeremiah McDonough William Lanning and Charles McKinnon were appointed deputy constables for Hempfield township

The following were handed down D H Stitler & Company vs Frank Virgilio non suit stricken off Pennsylvania Underwriters Company vs George S Bowers rule discharged Thomas W Forrester vs Harry K Caldwell new trial refused W F Sosson vs Newton R McFeat judgment for plaintiff Weller & Prinn vs Jim Nemeth rule absolute W H Merritt & Company vs McFarland Supply Company condemnation order Steven Matessak vs Thomas Kiskin, new trial refused

BIG PICNIC

Will Be Held at Shady Grove By Maccabees June 6

At a meeting of the Uniontown tent of the Knights of the Maccabees that was attended by S A Coughenour record keeper of Yough Tent and a party of eight from Connellsville Monday a number of interesting matters to the tent came up A party of nine members from the Uniontown tent will attend the convention of the order to be held in Pittsburg on June 6

An invitation was extended the Uniontown tent by the Connellsville delegation to participate in a picnic to be held under the auspices of the Yough tent at Shady Grove park on July 19 Invitations will be extended to Point Marion Confluence Brownsville and Scottdale tents to be present at the picnic The Ladies of the Maccabees will also participate in the event Fifty dollars in prizes will be awarded for various athletic events and the afternoon of the picnic will be featured by a ball game between members of the Connellsville and Uniontown tents

PLANNING UNION PICNIC

Hibernians of Four Counties to Gather at Shady Grove June 21

June 21 is the date set for the greatest gathering of Hibernians ever at one time within the borders of Fayette county when the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians from Allegheny Westmoreland Washington and Fayette counties will unite in a union picnic to be held at Shady Grove Park.

NEED STATE POLICE

Disorderly Houses Have Been Flourishing About Meyersdale

The Meyersdale police two nights last week aided two more disorderly houses one conducted by Dory Newman Benchley street and the other by Jim Cook North street In the former four men were arrested who posted forfeits of $10 each In the Cook house among others arrested were Jim Cook his two daughters Mrs Spreicher and 11 Italians Burgess Joe F Reich sentenced Cook to pay a fine of $50 and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of 30 days and the remaining 11 were each fined $10 or five days in the borough lockup The Meyersdale authorities are determined to break up these places and great activity has been displayed by the police during the past month a half dozen similar raids having been made

The starting of work on the new B & O tunnel has brought to this community a horde of undesirable characters who prove very troublesome to the Meyersdale peace authorities Recently an action drew a revolver upon a Meyersdale merchant who being arrested, was fined $47 by Burgess Reich It has been suggested that a detachment of State police be stationed in this vicinity

NEW PATIENTS

Four Accident Victims Received at Hospital Over Sunday

Four new patients were admitted to the Cottage State hospital over Sunday John Roberts of Upper Middletown aged 11 years caught his left foot in a street car track at Scottdale Saturday night and as a result suffered a fracture of the leg

Elmer Turner of Dawson a miner was burned on the face and left arm as a result of a premature explosion of powder his left eye is badly injured His people live at Connellsville

David Sanchez aged — of Perryopolis during a fight was struck on the head and knocked senseless

Chief Burgess of Scottdale Thomas W Washington fractured his left leg and sustained injuries to his head

AUTO CLUB MEETING.

Reports Heard With Interest at Uniontown Gathering Saturday Night

[illegible] meeting of the Automobile Club of Uniontown held Saturday evening at the club rooms on the third floor of the Fairchance Building was [illegible] Reports were read by the [illegible] Reports were read by the [illegible] Reports were read by the

POSTOFFICE TO KEEP DOORS OPEN.

Box Renters Vote Largely Against Locking Doors on Sabbath.

BALLOTS COUNTED TODAY

Postmaster Kurtz Found 151 Favoring Keeping Doors Open to 84 Against and Advised Department at Washington Accordingly.

The Sunday postal service will not be further curtailed by keeping the lobby closed to box renters This has been decided as the result of the vote taken among the renters of lock boxes Last week Postmaster Kurtz deposited a ballot in each of the boxes and requested renters to designate their views on closing the doors entirely on Sunday. In all 237 ballots were cast. The vote showed 151 against closing to 84 who favored it

Postmaster Kurtz has notified the department at Washington that sentiment is against closing the lobby on Sunday The Postoffice Department requested Postmaster Kurtz to ascertain the sentiment of box renters before taking further action

The petitions forwarded to Washington some weeks ago requested that all Sunday service, as far as possible be discontinued, but it is understood that those interested in them were satisfied with the orders issued discontinuing service at the general delivery and carriers windows By keeping the lobby open no additional work is entailed upon the clerical force, which has had the Sunday work reduced to a minimum through the original order that was issued.

MRS. SEATON DIES

Following a Long Illness Aged Sixty Years.

Following a lingering illness Mrs Margaret Graham Seaton, a resident of Connellsville for many years, died last evening at 5:30 o'clock at her late home, No. 512 Vine street Mrs Seaton had been in poor health for the past three years and had been confined to her bed for over two weeks Four days ago she became unconscious and remained in that state until death Deceased was born in Madison Westmoreland county, and spent the greater part of her younger life in Westmoreland county She was a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs David Baldridge and had she lived until June 25 she would have celebrated her 80th birthday

Forty one years ago she was married in Turtle Creek to George Seaton whose death occurred 21 years ago Mrs Seaton was one of the most widely known and highly respected residents of Connellsville, and for years had resided on Vine street She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, the Woman's Missionary Society and of the Home Department of the Sunday school She was also a member of the W C T U and of the relief committee in connection with the Union She was the mother of four children the following of whom survive Walter of East Main street, Connellsville Miss Sara Seaton at home and assistant librarian at the Carnegie Free library and Harry Seaton, of Uniontown

THE FRANKS FARM

Sold Last Week to Mrs S. J Harry of Town.

Mrs Samuel J Harry closed a deal Friday for the purchase of the farm of Charles B Franks in Dunbar township about two miles from the Connellsville city line on the West Side The consideration was $7500 There are 10 acres in the farm, all under cultivation Under the ownership of James McGlom who owned it during his proprietorship of the Rough House, the farm was brought to a high state of cultivation and has been in such condition since owned by Mr Franks

The farm is equipped with many outbuildings and poultry houses There is a pleasant residence on the place and a smaller tenant house

The farm will be occupied by the Harry family as a summer residence They expect to take possession for the coming summer within the next few weeks

MISSIONARY WOMEN

Of Trinity Reformed Church Elect Officers for Year

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Trinity Reformed Church met Thursday night at the home of Rev and Mrs C E Wagoner on Green street and elected the following officers for the ensuing year President Mrs C E Wagoner Vice President Mrs C A Poorbaugh Secretary Miss Nettie Hood Assistant Secretary Mrs C B Furtney, Treasurer, Mrs Frank Miller Assistant Treasurer Miss Florence Ankeny The meeting was largely attended and at the close of the business meeting, a social session was held and refreshments were served

Elected for Year Only.

In Johnstown a town about five times as big as Connellsville the School Directors elect to hire superintendent of schools for one year only Prof I N Adee of Wilmore Miss was elected by a vote of 15 to 8 at a salary of $3,500 for the year

The Pechin Schools Make Record Pleasing to Teachers and Parents.

Tuesday marked the ending of a very successful term at the Pechin school The attendance has been very good, the average for the building being 96% A banner contest has been on throughout the year but only two rooms were successful in winning it Room No 2 won it every time but one and No 1 was successful that time

The pupils passed the final examination with good marks Very few pupils were detained in their respective grades The following pupils from the eighth grade passed the entrance examination to High School Ruth Smith Cecelia Lynch Mary Baughman, Nellie Minerd Daniel Folz and Jacob Foltz Following is a report in detail of the term

Room No 1 Miss Luey Scott teacher Number enrolled 19 per cent of attendance 94 per cent of attendance for year 96 The pupils with perfect attendance for the entire term were Sallie Cole Emma June Cole Phoebe Gilroy and Mildred Baker

Room No 2 Agnes Stevenson, teacher Enrolled 5th month 96 per cent of attendance 94 per cent of attendance for term 95 pupils with perfect attendance Margaret Brown Daisy Cole Ruth Gilroy Howard Baker Gerald Brown Charles Cole Curtis Lowry and Charles McClain

Room No 3 Sallie Lafferty teacher Enrolled 5th month — per cent of attendance 98 per cent of attendance for term 98 pupils with perfect attendance for entire term Jessie Gilroy Herman Cox David Martin Clarence Martin John McClain and Ezekiel Cole

Room No 4 Bennett Tarr teacher Enrolled for month 45 per cent of attendance 97 per cent of attendance for term 97 pupils with perfect attendance for entire term Hattie Gilroy Ruth Smith Cecelia Lynch Marie Baughman Thomas Kelly Philip McClain Harry Ainsley and Louis Shunk

ALL IS READY FOR CONVENTION

At the Methodist Protestant Church on Thursday and Friday.

MANY DELEGATES TO ATTEND

As Representatives of Young People's Societies From the Churches of Western Pennsylvania—Prominent Speakers on the Program

Everything is in readiness for the twentieth annual convention of the Methodist Protestant Young Peoples Societies to be held in this city Thursday and Friday May 11th and 12th at the Methodist Protestan church This organiaztion represents about 13,000 members in the Christian Endeavor societies and Sunday schools of 90 churches throughout Western Pennsylvania Eastern Ohio and Northern West Virginia Rev W A Curfman of Pittsburg is the President

The program is replete with interesting numbers by specialists in all phases of Christian work Rev Dr George C Sheppard of Washington, Pa has charge of the devotional exercises at all sessions, while Rev I W Hawley of Castle Shannon, Pa will lead the singing Rev Dr C E Wilbur editor of the Sunday School literature of the Methodist Protestant church will conduct a round table on modern Sunday school work and Rev C H Hubell D D, will make an address and conduct an open conference on Christian Endeavor methods

A number of especial interest is a dramatic reading with spiritual interpretation by Evangelist Robert Downing the converted actor After 32 years before the foo lights associating with Joseph Jefferson Mary Anderson and other stars of the theatrical firmament, Mr Downing was converted three years ago in Washington D C He immediately left the stage and the immense salary his histronic talent drew him and began preaching the Gospel His last drama in which he appeared was The Voice From the Wilderness' he playing John the Baptist the playing of which role had much to do with his conversion He will read an act from this drama giving spiritual interpretations on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock

Other prominent speakers are Rev J S Martin General Superintendent of the National Reform Association, Rev Dr C C Miller President of the Fayette County Christian Endeavor Union Miss Cora B Dicker, Secretary of the Allegheny County Sunday School Association Attorney John McKelvie of Pittsburg and Rev Dr W E Fleecher of Knoxville Pa, formerly of Connellsville

The attendance at the convention will be large An extra coach will be added to the Thursday morning train from Pittsburg while the trolley lines will bring in large delegations from Fayette county a party of 100 coming from Dunbar and another of 50 from Broad Ford

Saloons Legal in Rankin.

Governor Tener has approved the bill presented by Representative William Connor to repeal the act of 1879 requiring prohibition in Rankin borough At a recent election the borough went "wet" by a majority of 18 votes

Salary of $6,000

Robert C Shaw will get a salary of $6,000 a year as Superintendent of the Westmoreland county schools

SPECIAL MEETING OF DUNBAR BOARD.

Schools at Trotter, Leisenring No. 1 and Juniata Are Crowded.

WILL GET A NEW SITE

For Trotter Building and Directors Will Meet With the Board of Franklin Township Regarding Conditions at Juniata

The crowded conditions of the Trotter and Leisenring No 1 grade school and the Juniata school, were discussed at a special meeting of the Dunbar township School Board held Saturday afternoon at the Arlington hotel The building committee reported the matter and recommended the purchase of a new site for the Trotter building and also the building of four additional rooms The old building has six rooms all of which are unusually crowded It is the desire of the board to have the building committee secure a site not so near the street car track as the present location of the school The committee was instructed to look after a new site If it is secured the new addition will be adjoining the old building and two rooms in the old building, will be abolished and a large hall will be built.

Steps will also have to be taken regarding the crowded condition of the Leisenring No 1 grade school On next Saturday afternoon the board will meet at Juniata with the Franklin township board to come to some understanding regarding the crowded condition of the Juniata schools A number of pupils from Franklin township have been attending the Juniata schools and as the result, the school is very much crowded

FOUND DEAD.

William Borris Resident of Trotter, Dies on Road Side

William Borris aged 65 years a well known resident of Trotter was found dead in a sitting posture near the Kerns barn at Trotter Sunday morning by Mrs Thomas Kerns Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause of his sudden death Mr Borris lived by himself in a small shanty near the Trotter shaft and had been in good health, having been employed on the road near Trotter for several weeks He had started for his usual Sunday walk and had gone about a half mile when he was stricken It is believed that he felt the shock coming and attempted to lean against the barn for support In doing so he fell sustaining a slight injury to his nose

Mrs Kerns, who was passing by the barn saw the man and at first thought he had sat down to rest As she came nearer to him she discovered that the man was dead She immediately notified several of the neighbors of Mr Borris death and a physician was immediately summoned, and it was found that the man had been dead for some time

Deceased is survived by the following children Mrs Thomas Griffin Ellen and Margaret Borris of Oliver Thomas of Connellsville, Joseph, of Uniontown Two step sons also survive M J Mullen of Mt Pleasant and John Mullen The body was removed to Funeral Director J L Staders funeral parlors on West Main street and Coroner H J Bell was notified of the man's death No arrangements have been made for the funeral

SOMERSET OFFICIAL SUES MINISTER FATHER-IN-LAW.

R. G. Walker Asks $25,000 From Rev. Silas Hoover for Alienation of Wife's Affections.

A sensation was created at Somerset Monday with the filing of a $25,000 suit against the Rev Silas Hoover of near Somerset by County Treasurer Russell G Walker Walker wants damages from his pastor father in law for the alleged alienation of his wife's affections Rev Hoover is pastor of the Church of the Brethren at Somerset

About two months ago Walker had his wife, Minnie M Walker, committed to the county hospital on the grounds of insanity Rev Hoover, claiming his daughter is not insane took her to his home The papers in the suit indicate Walker will argue this move on the part of Hoover which constitues a technical desertion Rev Hoovers efforts to alienate the Walkers the County Treasurer alleges, began January 1909 Mr and Mrs Walker have been married for the past nine years

HARRY DULL BUYS EVANS' LIVERY.

Burgess Sells Out After 11 Years in the Business Here.

WILL TAKE LONG VACATION

Harry Dull the New Proprietor, is Brother of Grant Dull and Well Known in Connellsville—Will Have 27 Horses

Burgess J W Evans is no longer in the livery business Friday evening he closed negotiations and disposed of his horses and equipment to Harry Dull brother of Grant Dull, who for the past year has been manager of the Allen Water Service Company in Pittsburg Dull took charge Saturday morning

Burgess Evans has no plans for the future He intends to take a prolonged vacation now that he has been relieved of all business cares save those of the Chief Magistrate of the borough For the next few weeks he will spend much of his time at the stable getting Mr Dull acquainted with the business

The consideration of the deal was $11,500 With the present stock and that to be secured by the new proprietor the Dull stables will have 27 head of horses It is well stocked with cabs and other vehicles

Mr Evans started in the livery business 31 years ago He purchased the business of Lott Rush and was located for the first three years in the boarding stable now conducted by George Stillwagon at the corner of Orchard and Mountain alleys Eight years ago Mr Evans moved to his present location on Peach street

Harry Dull is well known in Connellsville where he has lived nearly all his life He went to Pittsburg about three years ago and became manager of the Allen Water Service Company He will move to Connellsville as soon as he can locate a suitable dwelling

ROGERS-ADAMS.

Well Known Couple Married at Greensburg Saturday

The wedding of John J Rogers a prominent resident of Rogers Mills and Miss Hattie Adams of Connellsville was solemnized Saturday On leaving Connellsville Saturday morning on the 9:30 street car going toward Greensburg the bride refused to state where the wedding was to be solemnized, but the supposition is that the ceremony was performed in Greensburg The announcement of the marriage came as a great surprise to the many friends of Mr and Mrs Rogers the secret being revealed only to the near relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties

Mr Rogers is a son of the late Dr Joseph and Elizabeth Johnston Rogers the former having practised medicine in Fayette county for 55 years He is widely known throughout Westmoreland and Fayette counties and particularly in the Indian Creek Valley The bride is a trained nurse and is a daughter of Mr and Mrs W F Adams of the South Side Mr and Mrs Rogers will spend the summe at Rogers Mill

SUMMER GARDEN

Under Consideration for Coke Workers at Leisenring No 1

Superintendent C B Franks of Leisenring No 1 is formulating plans to give greater recreation and amusement for the residents of the big Dunbar township coke town He hasn't decided just what will be done but it will be mighty pleasant for the coke workers in any event

One of the things in the mind of Superintendent Franks is the erection of a summer garden where moving pictures and other amusements will be presented free of charge

The proposition is not contemplated for financial gain If it is decided to charge any fee at all it will be barely sufficient to cover the actual expense

Superintendent Franks has already started work on a swimming pool but civic development will not stop there The summer garden idea is in line with Mr Franks efforts to improve the moral and social conditions about coke plants and coal mines and to afford residents there better opportunities for enjoyment after working hours

PURCHASED HOTEL

Harry Boyts of Somerset Paid Chas Miller $17,500 for Property

Harry Boyts of Somerset borough recently closed a deal for the hotel at Listie which he purchased from Chas Miller for the consideration being $17,500 Possession will be given on July 1st Mr Miller has reserved the building in which the pool room is for his own use He will continue to conduct the pool room indefinitely but he may engage in the mercantile business thereon

Mr Boyts is an experienced hotel man having conducted the Coal Exchange Hotel at Connellsville for three years

Delegates to General Synod

When the General Synod of the Reformed Church is held at Lancaster Oct 4th to 11th next week beginning May 1 Greensburg and Westmoreland and Fayette and Cambria counties will be represented by three delegates Rev S Nale of Greensburg William Kifer of Mt Pleasant and Philip Gumbert will attend as delegates for the district comprised of the three counties

REGISTER AND CLERK'S NOTICE.

The following Executors Administrators Guardians and Trustees have settled their respective accounts in the office of the Register and Clerk of Orphans Court of the same and filed the same will be presented for confirmation to the Orphans Court of Fayette county in the Court House in Uniontown

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1911.

Estate of	Accountants	Filed
row Ellen	Lester Capes Administrator	Feb 17 1911
Crum Hiram A	Harry S Uma Administrator	Feb 17 1911
Buffington Margaret	J Hart Brinkman Executor	Feb 1911
Buffington William J	Lizzie and Robert D Buffington Executors	Feb 20 1911
Sheek Jackson	Robert Buffington Executor	Feb 20 1911
Crawford Daniel	Daniel R and Charles S Crawford Executors	Feb 1911
Patterson William W	Catherine Patterson et al Lilla Bowles Administratrix	Feb 24 1911
Johnson Sarah	Clark Hagerty Executor	Mar 1911
Hill David P	Mary J Hill Executrix	Mar 1911
Young John A	Emma E Young Administratrix	Mar 1911
Miller Joseph O	D N Orris Surviving Administrator	Mar 1911
Creel Mary J	A Freeman Executor	Mar 1911
Williams Martha	David William Administrator	Mar 1911
Wilkins David J	H J Wilkins Administrator	Mar 1911
Hollobaugh George	William H Hill Administrator	Mar 1911
Franks Conrad	Jacob Franks Administrator of Hannah	Mar 1911
Smith Emily formerly Duffie		
Taylor	J H Snow Administrator	Apr 1911
Stimmel Isaac	Ira Elias Wright Administrator	Apr 1911
Orr Henry W	Laura H Wright Administratrix	Apr 1911
Ullery Mary Mattie	Citizens T & T Co Guardian	Apr 1911
Oliphant Lewis	Joseph Snyder Administrator	Apr 1911
McCain Yeamith J	Citizens T & T Co Guardian	Apr 1911
Allen William H	Jacob Allen Administrator	Apr 1911
Ackell J H	Citizens T & T Co Executor	Apr 1911
Brother Anne	W S Hall Executor	Apr 1911
Patterson Sidney R	M Rel Martin Administratrix	Apr 1911
Duffy Hannah H	Rob M Dunlevy Executor	May 1911
King Benjamin	Eli W and Benj King Executors	May 1911
Morgan Dan	James Morgan Administrator	May 1911
Mickey Sarah	J S Mickey Administrator	May 1911
Walters Byham	J A Elias Frost	May 1911
Davis Katherine Lewis S	William A Fitzsimmons Guardian	May 1911
Hall	W F Rose Executor	May 1911
Jones John B	John H Jones and Mary E Gibson Administrators	May 1911
[illegible]	Addison F Patterson Executor Sarah Ann	May 1911
Wakefield Thomas	Elizabeth McWhorter Administratrix C T A	May 1911
Wakefield Ella B now Ella B Cordell	J M Ewing Executor Ella	May 1911
Jeffries T [illegible]	John W Jeffries Administrator	May 1911
Sipes William	Samuel J Sipes Executor	May 1911
Marsden Daniel Est	J A Hitchman Executor	May 1911
Reynolds Daniel W	Alpheus Speer Executor	May 1911
Cornthan James C	Wilford Shirley Administrator	May 1911
Duckes Mary Ann	Isaac C Duckes Executor	May 1911
Fike Curtis W S	W F Wilson Executor	May 1911
Frankhorn Maria	Jacob Hoffman Executor	May 1911
Lambert Henry J	Emil Blaw Executor [illegible]	May 1911
Gibson Daniel	D M Hepler Executor	May 1911
Crawford Cora A	Lawrence A Maxfield Executor of Samuel Administrator	May 1911
Wilson [illegible]	Jacob A Wilson Administrator	May 1911
Hall A W	James Hall Executor	May 1911
Kline Emily	Isaac N Thompson Executor	May 1911
Kline Thomas F	Isaac N Thompson Executor	May 1911
Gallagher John	Isabella Gallagher Executrix of John Gallagher	May 1911
Callahan Sarah J	Isabella Callahan Executrix per N Thompson Ex	May 1911
Callister Hugh F	J N Thompson Executor	May 1911
Hunter George W	D C Foltz Guardian	May 1911
Mechaber Mary Ann	Daniel Foltz Executor	May 1911
Lee Edward V	Citizens T & T Co Executor	May 1911
Barton Joseph [illegible]	Grace B Adams per John A Kurtz Rel Atty	May 1911
Coffman John	John F C Cina Administrator	May 1911
Moreland Mary S	William Blank Executor	May 1911
Elliott Joseph S [illegible]	Wm J Woodland and Mary Elliott Executors	May 1911
Corradie Mike	H Bernard Administrator	May 1911
Pine Tennessee	Carl A Ale [illegible]	May 1911

CHARLES O. SCHROYER,
Register and Clerk of Orphans Court,
Uniontown, Pa.

AUDIT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the above accounts will be taken up for audit and distribution by James C Work President Judge of Orphans Court of Fayette County at the Court House in Uniontown on the following days viz Accounts Nos 1 to 5 inclusive on Tuesday June 13 1911 Nos 6 to 16 inclusive on Wednesday June 14 1911 Nos 17 to 24 inclusive on Thursday June 15 1911 Nos 25 to 40 inclusive on Friday June 16 1911 Nos 41 to 48 inclusive on Monday June 19 1911 Nos 49 to 60 inclusive on Tuesday June 20 1911 Nos 61 to 81 inclusive on Wednesday June 21 1911 which is hereby awarded for hearing on the day and time set for in the above notice at which time and place all persons interested shall attend if they see fit and present their claims against the same or forever be debarred from coming upon said fund

CHARLES O. SCHROYER,
Clerk of Orphans Court

BILLS SIGNED

And Made Laws by Governor John K Tener Thursday

HARRISBURG May 11—Governor Tener has approved the Diehl House bill imposing a penalty of $500 fine and one years imprisonment upon any one who shall discriminate against any person wearing the United States uniform because he is wearing it uniform

Other Senate bills approved follow

Austin Hill regulating church charters

Cooper bill authorizing counties to purchase or condemn public toll bridges within the county and connecting different municipal divisions

West bill authorizing that estates passing from an adopting parent to a legal adopted child or children shall not be subject to the collateral inheritance tax

Fox bill regulating the improvement of borough streets

Huffman bill making a general permanent appropriation of $2 00 for jurors and $1 for witnesses

Powell bill authorizing proper authorities of adjoining boroughs to determine the boundary line

Adams bill vesting in the mother in certain cases the right to the services of her child and the right to be compensated for the loss of such service

Clark bill making any person guilty of a felony who shall cut off ears or any part thereof and emasculate a horse and imposing penalties of $1,000 fine and 10 years imprisonment

The Governor has approved the conference report on the Abbott House bill requiring the employment of common pleas court stenographers in criminal court proceedings and also making it obligatory upon them to furnish a transcript of testimony when requested to do so Other House bills approved follow

Hartman bill prohibiting killing hares on forestry reserves and prohibiting the importation of these pests

Dale bill appropriating $6,000 for the purchase of a permanent rifle range or camping ground for the National Guard

Gilson bill permitting vendors of goods to be changed without court proceedings when the supervisors and property owners so agree

Billman bill authorizing road supervisors to subscribe for not more than two publications relating to good roads

Governor Tener last night approved the judges salary bill

House prohibiting certain cruelty to cows and providing penalties for violation

House authorizing the State to build bridges over any river not more than 1,000 feet and not less than 600 feet in width at localities not less than 10 miles distance from the nearest public bridge over the same river in cases where indebtedness in excess of the cost of said bridge would exceed the constitutional limitation of 2 per cent of their assessed valuation

Manslaughter Charged

Edward Sharrow held responsible by the Coroners jury for the accident in the Hazel mine of the Pittsburg Coal Co on May 1 which resulted in the death of Michael Tarasevich the following day of the injuries received in the explosion that night Sharrow was held on the charge of involuntary manslaughter by Squire Hutchinson and his bail fixed at $1,000 which he furnished

Record Trout Catch

Catches of 100 trout ranging from 6 inches to 2 feet 5 inches in length in two days is the record set by Philip Kromer of Tarrs Pa and Walter Pettit of Alverton The two anglers made their big haul from the waters in the vicinity of Indian Head having spent last Friday and Saturday at that place

Pushing Work On New Railroad That Will Tap Southern Fayette County.

If present plans are approved by Council Mr Schoonmaker the engineer in charge of the work Buckhannon & Northern railroad Mr Morgan own will be let just below the Speer building on the West Side early in June Eight yards will be driven into the hillside property The affected company is condemning sufficient ground for the side of two or three additional tracks on which the freight cars will be shunted until they are loaded The detailed plans for the freight station have been worked out and practically nothing has been determined with the exception of the location and this is subject to the approval of Colonel Schoonmaker

It is hoped to have Colonel Schoonmaker make a trip of inspection over the road at the early date It is probable that he will make it May 15th although he has not been heard from as yet

Judge Reese Blizzard of Parkersburg was in Council about May 10th to assist in the condemnation cases which are set for trial at this term of court The five cases are those of the railroad company against Minnie May Dent the Geo S Scott Coal & Coke company John C Combs S C Lazzell et al and Sarah E Jeffries et al

The new steam shovel purchased by Gilmore Weaver & Company arrived yesterday and was placed on the work just above the pump station Williams brothers who have some work in the Little Falls neighborhood have just received a head of stock and are pushing the grading

Litt son Moran & Tuck the general contractors have a steam shovel at work for Seidle Brothers on the Jimtown territory Twenty one head of mules have already arrived and are quarter of the right of way of the new railroad

SCHOOLS CLOSE

In North Union Township After a Successful Term

With the exception of about three schools the eight months term in North Union township was completed Wednesday when the majority of the schools were closed The term has been a most successful one under the superintendency of P of Means

The commencement of the graduates of the township high school will be held in the Lost Land M P Church of Uniontown tomorrow night The following are the members of the graduating class

Academic—Josephine Beatty Bessie Crumm Alva E Hanford Edith Lemon Allie Martin William O Neal Frances W Springer Ruby Stafford, Clifton Van Sickle

Commercial—Ina McDowell Nellie H Johnson Minni McElroy Effie Patterson Ross R Rankin Kathryn Reagan Margaret Stuck Mary Williams

Thomas Buys Property

J J Thomas has purchased the Kephart property on Patterson avenue consisting of a double and a single house from C P and C H Bishop for $6,000 The Bishops bought the property from H M Kephart about six weeks ago and lost no time locating a buyer

MACARONI FACTORY

Is Complete and Now Ready for the Machinery

The brickwork on the plant of the Connellsville Macaroni Company which is located on the West Side has been completed and the structure will be ready for occupancy within the next few weeks The machinery has been shipped and is expected daily to arrive The work of installing it will be started immediately

P Nannini in charge of the local office of the company stated that within the next few weeks the plant will begin the manufacture of macaroni and other products At the start between 15 and 20 will be employed but this will be increased from time to time until the plant is operated to capacity

Both Died on Same Bed

John Fuller who was fatally burned in the creosote explosion at Adelaide Thursday afternoon died on the same bed at the Cottage State Hospital, where in the years before his father, H H Fuller, died from a gunshot wound

Killed in Canada.

Daniel Fike a native of Shade township Somerset county was instantly killed recently in an elevator shaft in Toronto Canada He was seventy four years of age

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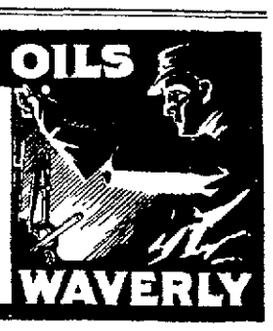

EXPLOSION OF CREOSOTE FATAL.

John Fuller Fearfully Burned in Accident at Adelaide Coating Plant.

HE DIED AT THE HOSPITAL

Creosote Line at Adelaide Plant Burst and Burning Fluid Covers Unfortunate Youth—Damage to Plant Was Not Serious, It Is Said.

One man was so badly injured that he died a few hours later and another painfully burned as the result of an accident at the plant of the Pittsburg Wood Preserving Company at Adelaide at 3.30 Thursday afternoon. John Fuller is dead and Bert Herrington is suffering from painful burns. The explosion was spectacular but according to statements of officials of the company, did but little damage. A portion of the machinery was put out of commission but the company expects to resume operations within a very short time.

It is said that the explosion was caused by the bursting of a creosote line. Creosote and oil are kept in large tanks. They are used in preserving ties and other wood. The explosion caused a vast cloud of flames and smoke to burst upwards and for a time enveloped the plant from the view of those on the hilly country about Adelaide. The smoke hung in a pall for fully five minutes and resembled not a little a gigantic balloon.

The cause of the accident is not known. Fuller was in the boiler room with Herrington. He was frightfully burned. Herrington escaped with slight burns about the head and shoulders. A special engine on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie rushed Fuller to Connellsville where he was taken to the Cottage State hospital. He died shortly after midnight. His clothes had been burned off him and his body was a mass of burns and blisters.

The plant had not been completed and the building which sheltered it was not complete. The roof and sides that had been erected were demolished but the machinery escaped injury with the exception of a portion of it. The company was forced to begin operations before the entire plant had been completed because of the many orders that had accumulated. The accident will not seriously interfere with operations it is stated.

Fuller's body was removed from the hospital to J. L. Stader's undertaking rooms and after being prepared for burial was removed this afternoon to the Sickles home, No. 127 West Tenth street, West Side, from which place the funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. R. E. Cairns, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, will officiate. Interment in Flatwoods cemetery.

Deceased was a son of Mrs. Harriet Fuller of Vanderbilt and was 18 years old on the 29th of last August. He was widely known and highly respected and his untimely death came as a great shock to his many friends. In addition to his mother he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Minnie Sickles and James Fuller of Tenth street, West Side; Mrs. Mary Morris of Curfew; Mrs. Frances Strawn of Smock; George A. Fuller of Vanderbilt; Shade, Bertha, Melvin, Albert and Clarence, at home.

MINE MOISTURE

Makes It Difficult to Maintain High Degree of Insulation.

A writer in the Engineering Magazine for May says the large amount of moisture present in most mines makes it quite difficult to maintain a high degree of insulation on wires unless they have a covering of rubber, and if the moisture contains sulphur, as is frequently the case in coal mines, the rubber installation is rapidly corroded and ruined. Hence, in most cases, electric circuits in mines are run with bare wire. To obtain a moderate amount of insulation from the earth in such cases, large porcelain or glass insulators should be used at the points of support for the attachment of the wires. Much care should be taken to have the wires touch nothing save their insulating supports, and porcelain tubes for this purpose are advisable in some cases where the sides or ceilings of passages are uneven. Where wires go through porcelain tubes should be invariably used. The most recent practise in mine wiring is to run the conductors in iron tubing.

A high resistance to earth in mines highly charged with moisture is practically impossible with bare copper circuits, on account of the films of moisture that collect on the surface of glass and porcelain. This moisture, while not sufficient in amount in most cases to cause any serious loss of power, may sometimes cause a severe shock to one who makes a single contact with the circuit, if his body is also in electrical contact with the ground. The above conditions point to the conclusion that all distribution circuits in mines should be operated at pressures that are not ordinarily dangerous to life and property.

Installing Hauling Engine.

The Connellsville-Central Coke Company is installing a large haulage engine in the mine at Herbert, to take the place of two small engines. Steam will be delivered to the engine through a bore hole recently put down, and a 6 inch steam line from the boiler house to the bore hole is being erected.

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VALUATION PASSED ON

By Court, the First Instance in Railroad Case.

Railroads of the United States might be entitled legally to increase their net earnings by an amount ranging between $126,000,000 and $580,000,000 a year if Judge Sanborn's decision in the Minnesota rate case is upheld by the Supreme court, according to Samuel O. Dunn, editorial director of the "Railway Age Gazette," discussing the subject of railway valuation.

Mr. Dunn declares that this decision is the first instance where a Federal court has passed upon a valuation of railways made by any public authority as a basis for the regulation of rates. He bases his figures on the findings of the court that the Minnesota railways were entitled to a 7 per cent return on their cost of reproduction, which for the three roads involved the court found to be $25,000,000, as compared with a capitalization of $155,000,000.

"There is no good reason for doubting that a violation of all the railways in the country would proportionately exceed their capitalizations," Mr. Dunn continues: "Senator Cummins, of Iowa, recently expressed the opinion that a valuation would show that the cost of reproducing all the railways of the United States would be $20,000,000,000, as compared with their present net capitalization of $13,500,000,000.

"In view of Judge Sanborn's finding Mr. Cummins' estimate seems as accurate as any offhand estimate could be. Judge Sanborn held that the railways in Minnesota are entitled to a net return of 7 per cent on their valuations.

"The net earnings of all the railways in the United States in 1909 were $819,000,000. Seven per cent. on their outstanding capitalization would be $945,000,000, or $126,000,000 a year more than their present net earnings. And 7 per cent. on a valuation of $20,000,000,000 would be $1,400,000,000 or $580,000,000 more than their present net earnings a year.

"The demand for valuation was started as a means for reducing rates, but no better means could have been contrived for justifying advances in them. While a valuation might give the railways legal license to raise rates, it might not be commercially practicable for them to do so."

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK

Is Popular With Foreigners in the Mining Regions.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—"How much money do you take?" is a question often asked at the Postal Savings Bank window of postoffices in mining and industrial regions by foreigners, and usually the questioner wishes to make a deposit larger than the law allows. Reports which have reached the postmaster general from many offices prove the correctness of declarations that vast sums are hoarded in secret places by foreign workers. The postal banks are drawing this money back into the channels of trade. Postmaster Hess of Dubois has written a letter to Postmaster General Hitchcock, in which he relates a recent experience, saying that it is only one of a number.

An Austrian woman at Dubois handed $500 through the postoffice window, in $5 and $10 bills. It was explained that the largest amount that could be accepted in deposit in one calendar month was $100. She was disappointed but decided to leave that amount. As she was plainly worried by possession of the other $400 the postmaster suggested that she deposit it in one of the local banks, from which she could withdraw $100 a month until the whole amount was deposited in the postal bank. After consulting with her daughter in their native tongue the latter said to the postmaster: "Will buy a little box in safe at bank and put money in and keep key. Then will bring over to government bank every month. No like banks."

TWO REPORTS MADE

On the Recent Mine Explosion at Littleton, Alabama.

Two State Mine Inspectors have submitted reports to Governor O'Neal of Alabama, on the explosion at the Banner mine, near Littleton, Ala., April 8, in which 128 men, mostly negro convicts, lost their lives and the reports conflict.

According to Inspector Robert Neill, "the explosion was ignited by a premature explosion of bituminate," aided by dust. In his opinion, imperfect ventilation could not have caused the explosion.

Inspector W. T. Dickinson summarizes his investigation as follows: "The disaster was caused by gas being ignited on the seventh left heading, generating enough heat to ignite the dry dust, thus pregnating and feeding the force and intensity of the explosion."

FIRST AID CONTEST.

Under Auspices of Bureau of Mines at Pittsburg.

As a result of the interest manifested in the contest of the First Aid mine men in the anthracite regions, it has been decided to hold a similar contest, under the auspices of the Bureau of Mines, at the Arsenal grounds, Pittsburg, next fall. The auditorium at the Arsenal grounds has been secured for the purpose.

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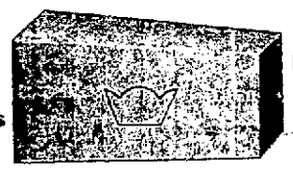

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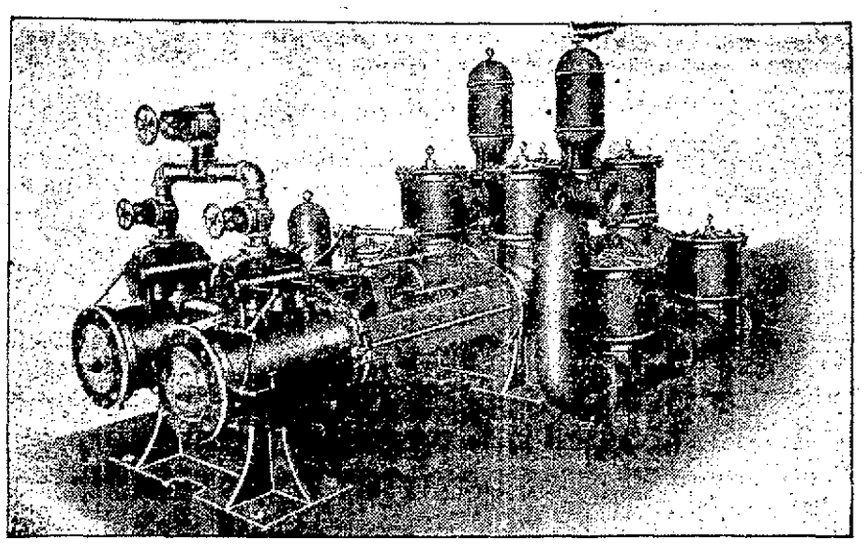

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